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RUDI GONE, CUP HOPES IN RUINS

By Andrew Dettre



Less than 24 hours after Saturday's World Cup match, Rudi Gutendorf resigned as national coach.

In a brief statement he again blamed his players for his failure.

"They didn't perform to my expectations," he said, as if somebody else had trained them for 31 months, not he himself.

Possibly the seeds of Gutendorf's destruction were sown when the ASF allowed him to write a newspaper column.

In that, he managed to alienate just about everybody from himself, expressing some outrageous and often insulting views to build up his "controversial" image.

The whole farce got to the point when everybody talked about Gutendorf and hardly anybody mentioned his team.

He simply outgrew his role and commission: "L'etat c'est moi," he would have said, if he were French.

It was impossible for him to keep working in the atmosphere which had developed around him.

One can easily imagine circumstances where a coach, even after a shattering defeat like Saturday's, may survive to fight another day.

It's not difficult to imagine that a tragedy on such a scale could even trigger off a wave of sympathy for the man.

But not for Gutendorf. Never one to seek genuine friendship and

always an outspoken, arrogant loner, he has managed to unite the fragmented soccer community in bitter opposition to his person, his methods and his achievements.

His players, having suffered under his tyranny, wanted him to go; his own staff and assistants, club officials, fellow coaches, almost all the pressmen and almost the entire public demanded his head.

It was impossible for him to stay at the helm any longer and undo all the damage which has been built up cumulatively since the ill-fated tour to Paraguay in 1978, through the drama-ridden world globetrotting of 1979 and brought to a crescendo last Saturday.

And I guess Rudi didn't want to stay anyhow. He is a proud man, a self-proclaimed professional who must have learned, that coaches who live by the sword also die by it.

It's nonsense to claim that Australian soccer "died" last Saturday; the patient may be seriously ill but will recover.

Mathematically even our World Cup chances have not gone completely — but that's not the issue.

Whether we fail this week, next month — or through a series of miracles, still win our group and make Spain, Rudi has overstayed his welcome.

Very properly, ASF president Sir Arthur

George says that Gutendorf's contract will be honored.

And so it should be, painful as it seems after the enormous damage suffered by Australian soccer.

The simple and dignified thing to do was to resign; surely he must sense that every day he spent with the team merely would have deepened the wounds of Australian soccer.

Let him go in peace and let Australian soccer recover from the nightmarish 31 months of his erratic and disastrous rule.

Just so long as we learn from it.

WORLD CUP ON TV

Wednesday's World Cup match from Melbourne will be telecast to Sydney, Adelaide and Brisbane — almost live...

It will be shown at 9.30 (EST).

Channel 0-28 has decided to bring the telecast forward from the original Thursday but couldn't show it direct because of program commitments.

The commentary will be by Hugh Johns who will spend about 10 weeks with Channel 0-28 under contract to Peter Skelton, in charge of all the soccer programming.

INSIDE



THE FIASCO

The most devastating flop in Australia's World Cup history since 1965 — that's what Saturday's debacle was against New Zealand. All about the match and views — PAGES 2, 3.

PSL GOES ON

Despite the trauma of last week, the Phillips League continues showing few scars. The weekend's big clash is in Melbourne between the Gunners and the Slickers. Full PSL coverage — PAGES 4, 5, 6 and 7.

JUNIORS

Who are the youngsters appearing for the NSW Youth League clubs? Today we begin to introduce them. Our extended NSW reports and details on PAGES 8, 9 10 and 11.

CONFERENCE

Ever been to a morgue? Ever saw the capture and execution of a general? Perhaps not. For an atmosphere of both see "Pressbox" — PAGE 12.



CAN WE DO INDONESIA?

Wednesday evening at Melbourne's Olympic Park, the Socceroos will mainly fight to save some of their badly tarnished reputations.

But it won't be an easy game against Indonesia. Normally, one would be pretty confident of handling the clever, technically polished but small and physically inferior Indonesians.

However, after Saturday's disaster, the morale in the Australian camp can't be too high.

Still, the fate of the two World Cup points is not quite immaterial.

Technically, we are still in the Cup — just — and should win this game, then hope that the Indonesians can beat New Zealand on Sunday.

A pretty tall order? Indeed. But not entirely impossible.

A number of changes are imperative in the Australian team.

To start with, players not totally fit — Tansey, Boden, Sharne and now even Davidson — have to be rested. The same with Rogers who has family worries on his mind.

Then those who failed in Auckland or Sydney (some on both occasions) should be replaced.

In their present form slump, Barnes, Jankovics and Krnoevic can contribute very little to the team.

Perhaps the experienced Maher could be recalled in goal and play behind a defence of Perry, Yzendoorn, Henderson and Davidson or Niven.

The problem is midfield where one can suggest only Peter Katholos and Joe Watson as a new men from the nominated squad.

Why Gutendorf stubbornly wiped men like Selemidis, Marocchi and Senkalski from his inner circle remains a mystery.

The attack is also in shambles. Kosmina and Giampaolo can be brought back and perhaps Sharne — if fit — reprieved.

Les Scheinflug on Wednesday has the unenviable task of foraging through the debris and finding 11 men capable of rising to one last vital challenge.

Murray Barnes trying to stop New Zealand's Grant Turner.



New Zealand's goalie Richard Wilson had something to celebrate after the match.

WE WERE NEVER IN THE RACE

Nothing short of annexing New Zealand and making it our seventh State will save our World Cup hopes after Saturday's stunning debacle.

Even the omens were bad: the national anthem just wouldn't come through the PA system and the crowd stood to attention in silence, as if they mourned someone.

In the first 10 or 15 minutes it was hard to detect signs of the impending calamity: the Australians were pushing forward briskly though without a

masterplan, once again, with incredible stupidity, sending long, hopeful lobs into the New Zealand goalmouth.

In the 13th minute Sharne's low shot was saved by Wilson and one was hoping for more of the same to come.

But soon enough, mistakes were creeping into Australia's game.

Blair was the first to be caught with the ball (Henderson and Barnes later made a habit of it), Wooddin zoomed off and only a desperate tackle by Yzendoorn saved the situation.

In the 18th minute the whole Australian defence was caught, Woodhouse was out of his goal and it was a miracle that the Kiwis messed up an easy chance with the goal at their mercy.

More and more, New Zealand took over. Playing a very confident, very fluid type of game, they were building their attacks slowly and accurately.

In the 29th minute they deservedly went into the lead.

An accurate build up sent Mackay off on right and he crossed to Wooddin in the centre; the unmarked Kiwi had time to sell a dummy, take aim — and slam the ball into the net under the body of Woodhouse, diving far too late.

The rest of the first half belonged to New Zealand.

In the 36th minute Brian Turner sent a volley over the bar, then a minute later Grant Turner's dangerous shot was inches high.

Almost on fulltime, Grant Turner, quite unmarked, sent a sharp shot just wide of the Aussie goal.

Almost everybody at the ground expected the Socceroos to come out for the second half prepared to fight for every ball, to pin New Zealand to their goal and, through bravado if not through any special

system, save the match.

Cole came on to replace Rogers and later Boden took over from Krnoevic — but to no avail.

It was New Zealand's game: they set the pace, controlled the midfield, won the tackles and generally outplayed, out-fought and outwitted the timid and tepid Aussies.

In the 59th minute the match was almost over. Henderson lost a ball, Wooddin sped off and his shot was parried to corner by Woodhouse.

From the corner Sumner sent a piledriver at goal but again Woodhouse managed to get a fist to the ball.

The second goal was on its way; everybody at the ground must have sensed it.

In the 77th minute Henderson saved a shot near the line and two minutes later Grant Turner's header from a few metres missed.

Finally, in the 83rd minute, the agony was over.

Barnes gave a bad pass which was stolen by Wooddin and from the left gave a glorious 40-metres pass to the right to Mackay.

He flicked the ball to Cole and he sent in a cross to the goalmouth.

The ball sailed over Blair and with Yzendoorn challenging on the wrong side, Grant Turner sent a glancing header into the upper left corner to make it 2-0.

AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse, Davidson, Yzendoorn, Henderson, Blair, Tansey, Rogers (Cole 46m), Barnes, Krnoevic (Boden 64m), Jankovics, Sharne.

NEW ZEALAND: Wilson, Hill, Herbert, Almind, Dods, Sumner, Cole, L. Mackay, G. Turner, B. Turner (Campbell 85m), Wooddin.

Goals: Wooddin (29m), G. Turner (81m).

Referee: Courtney (England). — Crowd: 12,000 — Caution: Dods.

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KIWIS ARE STILL WARY

New Zealand Football Association Secretary Gwyn Evans said Australian coach Rudi Gutendorf was solely to blame for his side's 2-0 loss to New Zealand last Saturday.

Evans, a former top English professional and a qualified coach, said Gutendorf's decision to resign was abysmal. He was leaving a sinking ship.

"I'm not really surprised he has gone, as I know there had been pressures on him before the latest setback," Evans said.

"For a man who has played and coached at a high level it was amazing he could not build up a relationship with his players.

"From a coach's point of view I would lay the blame for Australia's demise fairly and squarely in Gutendorf's lap," he said.

Evans said he was delighted with New Zealand's performance and the way in which victory was achieved.

"The Australians were made to look a very poor side, but there must be deep-rooted problems in the Australian camp because he (Gutendorf) knew players in the side could have performed better," Evans said.

"I was surprised at the lack of enthusiasm and will to win in the Australians and again this comes down to the coach and his motivation," he said.

Evans said he believed the Australians were the "victims of their own parochialism".

"They felt they were superior and went out and hired a world ranked coach," he said.

"They misinterpreted the basics of fielding a national team," said Evans.

When the New Zealand team returned to Auckland on Sunday, coach John Adshead said his team could not get cocky. "We can't let up," he said.

"With three wins and a draw from their away matches, and eight points from five games, New Zealand is in a strong position to win the group and advance to the next qualifying round of the competition against Kuwait, Saudia Arabia and China.

"Indonesia will be a hell of a game on Saturday," Adshead said.

"We still need another five points from our three remaining home games.

"We must get at least a point off Indonesia and then win the games against Taiwan and Fiji.

"If Indonesia beat Australia on Wednesday, they could still have a good chance."



Les Scheinflug is now in charge of the national team. If he shows improvements, he is likely to be appointed on a more permanent basis, ending wild speculations about Rudi's successor. The last thing Australian Soccer needs is another failure or coach.

PRESS BID TO OUST ASF BOSS



A demand for the resignation of ASF president Sir Arthur George was voiced by several daily newspaper reporters.

Rale Rasic, an old sparring partner of Sir Arthur, also joined the chorus line; TV obligingly relayed his message on Monday night.

However, later that same night members of the ASF executive expressed their confidence in their president who said he would not resign under pressure.

Sir Arthur is held largely responsible for saving Gutendorf after the December tour.

To blame him for selecting Gutendorf in the first place is nonsense; he merely found Gutendorf, in the lobby of the Buenos Aires Sheraton but the actual appointment was made by the ASF executive, after interviewing the coach in Sydney.

Still, it appears that Sir Arthur made a major mistake when he helped to sweep tour manager Vic Tuting's report under the carpet.

This, submitted to the ASF, is believed to have recommended the dismissal of Gutendorf in December.

To this very day, the report has not been made public.

Perhaps it should be done now. Meanwhile, at right we reproduce some of the headlines from Sydney newspapers after the World Cup fiasco.

We also republish, with the kind permission of its News Editor, the brilliant cartoon of Mitchell in last Monday's *The Australian*.



Rudi Gutendorf (left) with ASF top brass Peter McCann and Sir Arthur George after Sunday's fatal confrontation.

FLOPEROOS FUMBLE IT!

Rudi drives nail in soccer's coffin

RUDI'S RABBLE A TOTAL DISASTER

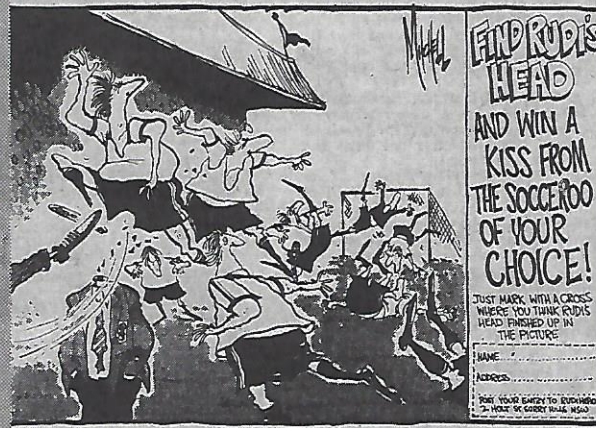
REVOLT BY PLAYERS

'INJURIES NO EXCUSE' - SIR ARTHUR

R.I.P. AUSTRALIAN SOCCER

Kiwis dash Cup hopes

SACK 'EM, SAYS RAY



The team that sunk without trace

Australia failed as a team last Saturday; it was perhaps their most pathetic display in 20 years or more.

Certainly, no Australian World Cup team ever played half as badly as this one: no method, no style, no fight and no class.

A team of that calibre, with that performance, would be relegated from the Phillips League.

We have decided to call it a week of national mourning and refrain from our usual rating of the individual players.

None would be flattered by our remarks.

The entire team was a shambles, a disorganised, dispirited, timid and clumsy lot.

There was absolutely no method and no tactical pattern visible in the team; everything went off the cuff, aimlessly, primitively.

Perhaps only the drive and enthusiasm of some players can be praised, most notably that of Davidson and Henderson.

But all of them will have to live with the ignominy of their display for many years to come.

Even the tactical formation of the team was a riddle.

Australia lined up with one sweeper (Yzen-doom), two stoppers (Henderson and Blair), one fullback (Tansey) — but no right fullback at all.

Nominally Davidson was pencilled in for that spot but he was operating from midfield, leaving the most brilliant New Zealand striker, Wooddin unmarked for most of the game.

Tansey was unfit but played; whatever happened to Perry, for long a Gutendorf favorite?

Davidson's midfield partners were Rogers and Barnes.

Rogers spent days in Melbourne with his wife, witnessing the birth of their third child yet, despite missing most of the training, walked into the team.

Then he proceeded to play even worse than in Auckland where he was a passenger.

Barnes was let down by his passing and spent most of the match in search of a mission.

With that midfield, Australia was doomed from the start.

Up front, the Marconi trio was floundering for the whole match.

Even for their own club they have proved many times that they are ineffective unless one or two midfielders from behind lay on the balls for them.

Left to their own resources, they cannot create and looked positively outclassed.

To make it worse, Sharne, by Gutendorf's own admission, was unfit.

So why did he, Tansey

and Rogers play in the first place?

In sharp contrast, New Zealand gave an outstanding performance.

At times one had the impression that we are back in the "bad old days" when our national team struggled against classy European opposition.

The Kiwis could have won not 2-0 but 4-0 or so, such was the difference between the teams.

Their defence didn't put a foot wrong in 90 minutes and their midfield was compact, industrious and creative.

Up front they had Steve Wooddin, by far the most skilful player on the field, tearing Australia to shreds.

The two Turners, the experienced Brian and the dynamic Grant, were equal partners in the enterprise.

Incredible as it may be, all New Zealanders were head and shoulder above their Australian counterparts in every phase of the game.



Above: Kiwi goalie Wilson is treated for a face injury last Saturday. Below: Aussie goalie Woodhouse down and out.

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OCEANIA GROUP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
New Zealand	5	3	2	—	11	3	8
Taiwan	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
Australia	2	—	1	1	3	5	1
Indonesia	1	—	—	1	—	5	1
Fiji	1	—	—	1	—	2	—

Mathematically, Australia still has a slim chance to win its World Cup group.

All that is required for us is to win all our remaining matches and for New Zealand to drop at least one point, at home.

They will play Indonesia on Sunday and then Fiji and Taiwan at a later date.

However, soccer logic tells us that all this is most unlikely.

If New Zealand beats Indonesia on Sunday, in Auckland — and it's hard to see them not to — they could breeze through their last two games, against Fiji and Taiwan undefeated.

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VITAL MISSION FOR SLICKERS

By Andrew Dettre

With World Cup commitments out of the way for the time being, it's business as usual in the Philips League over the weekend.

Well, almost usual, perhaps: it wouldn't surprise us at all if some of the teams and Socceros were adversely affected by the national team's demise.

Undoubtedly, the match of the round will take place in Melbourne where the Gunners meet Sydney City.

Still unbeaten, the Melbourne Gunners appear to be the most consistent of all the 16 teams in the League while the Slickers can be considered the only steady and serious challengers to the title at this stage at least.

John Stevenson and perhaps Bertie Lutton will face their old club in what could be a drama-packed game.

Sydney City have been in excellent form lately and we can't believe they'll miss this rare chance of catching up with the leaders.

Our tip: Sydney City 1-0
At Lambert Park, it will be the "Italian Derby," with Leichhardt dead set to continue their good recent run, against Marconi.

If any one team is likely to experience a let-down after the World Cup fiasco, it's Marconi.

Prskalo and Maher were overlooked, Krnoevic, Jankovics and Shame had a terrible game against the Kiwis — and on top of it they have missed a lot of club trainings.

Leichhardt, after their unexpected win in Canberra, should be full of confidence.

If Giampaolo is fit enough to play, they stand a good chance especially in the narrow confines of the ground.

Our tip: Leichhardt 2-1.
Blacktown will face a fast improving Heidelberg, pepped up by some new British arrivals.

Sadly, Blacktown have slipped to the bottom of the table, despite all the efforts of Rale Rasic and they'll have a hell of a task to get away from there.

Heidelberg seem to be gradually leaving their initial internal problems behind them.

If Jimmy Rooney can find the zest and rhythm of their 1980 campaign, they are likely to climb up on the ladder fairly fast.

Our tip: Heidelberg 2-0.
Wollongong's bubble hasn't quite burst yet but it's certainly pierced here and there.

For long unbeaten, they now have two losses behind them with

the added worry of finding goals very hard to come by.

At home, against Canberra, they will have a far from easy task.

Canberra's yo-yo form is hard to follow — but away from home they usually perform better.

A lot depends on the form of the Canberra strikers: if they play up to their potential they have a good chance of scoring one of their frequent away wins.

Our tip: Canberra 2-1.
Newcastle will hope for more than just a win against the visiting Olympic: they will also hope to crash through the 6,000 crowd barrier which is their break-even point.

Were their recent displays and result a bit better, they could even be forgiven if they dreamed about a return of the halcyon days of attracting a 10,000-plus crowd.

But something, somewhere, has gone sour in Newcastle and it will take all the talent of manager Alan Vest — a worthy candidate, to be the new Soccerro boss — to shake them up.

Olympic continue their successful run in the League, picking up points regularly.

If one day they manage to put away



Blacktown's Pointer (left) are Olympic's Koussas in race for the ball.

their chances, they will run up quite a big score, too.

Our tip: Olympic 1-0.
The Adelaide local "Derby" finds the Giants in superbly confident mood and the Hawks still down in the dumps.

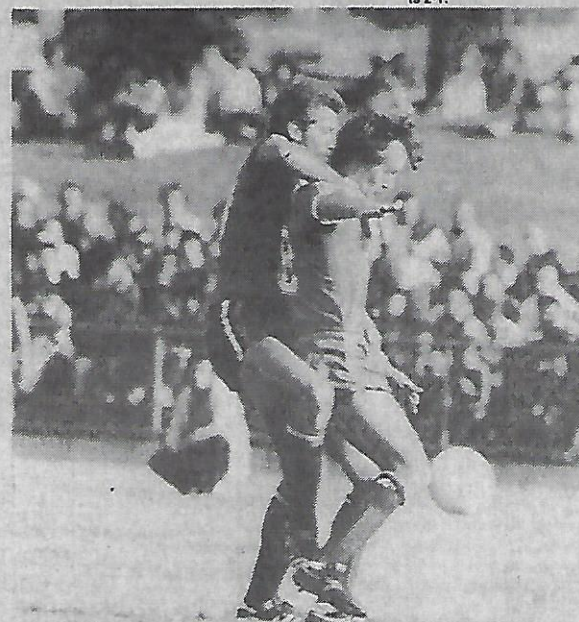
But when these two meet, formguides can be

thrown out the window.

The Giants look much more composed and talented, on paper, with the Hawks still having terrible problems.

All indications point to a Giants win — but in family feuds, no one ever knows.

Our tip: Adelaide Giants 2-1.



Olympic's Cotton (right) shielding the ball from Milovanovic.

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

★ Olympic's Tommy Docherty missed Saturday's World Cup match — he was in a studio taping a TV show.

★ Sydney City are cooling to the idea of signing New Zealand winger Steve Wooddin, despite his brilliant display on Saturday.

★ The comic figure of a Kickaburra at the SCG was a total and lamentable failure. Only a few people even noticed as she pruned around the ground — the music failed to get through the PA system.

★ Rale Rasic on TV last Monday: "It's not fair to blame Gutendorf for the failure — it's Arthur George who should be sacked. Australian soccer has had no success since 1974."

★ Tommy Docherty, Olympic: "We simply had to score somehow. A win is a win, even from a penalty. Our team certainly provided a lot of entertainment."

★ Rale Rasic, Blacktown: "It was an unjust penalty, an unintentional handball. That's why we lost."

★ Brisbane City opened their new grandstand, deservedly called the "Gino Merlo Stand" after their president, amid all the pomp and pageantry the occasion demanded. The Queensland governor Sir James Ramsey opened the magnificent \$1,000,000 structure and it was pleasing to see the Brisbane soccer public support the club in their attempt to supply top class facilities. Many varied entertainments were available from 11 am and the programme flowed magnificently right up till kick-off time for the

big match. Here's wishing many more successful days to this hard working club and its administrators.

★ Canberra's George Murray: "We didn't play with the right team spirit. I knew that one goal would decide the game."

★ Apia's Willie Wallace: "We contained the Canberra forwards and carried on from how we played last week against Sydney Slickers."

★ Sebastian Giampaolo on Rudi Gutendorf: "He didn't really like me. He wanted eleven runners and no ball players."

★ Brisbane City: George Potter, "A good win against a team that didn't really want to contest. Joe Palinkas came back to his best form today but still the goals are not following the way they should."

★ Wollongong's Ken Morton: "City are not as good a side as they could be. Sure they did what they had to but I felt they were aided by the referee's performance which was diabolical to say the least. He booked a player twice, which he can't do, and refused us a glaring penalty."



TAA fly the good sports.

It's better to fly with friends.



It looks like a very even match and only the shocking away record of Footscray seems to tip the balance against them.

Our tip: Lions 2-1.



WEEKEND GUIDE TO PHILIPS LEAGUE



WOLLONGONG CITY

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vilestra, 13. McGreen, 14. Turner, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana, 20. Kay, 21. Vardareff. Coach: K. Morton.

SUNDAY, 3pm
WOLL. SHOWGROUND



Morton

PAST RESULTS
Wollongong v Canberra for the first time.



McLaren

CANBERRA CITY

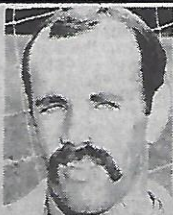
Likely squad: 1. Wilson, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 12. Gibson, 13. Purdie, 14. Massa, 15. Moutsopoulos, 16. Farrell, 21. Hoszowski. Coach: G. Murray.

REFEREE: R. LORENCE
Linesmen: K. Small, P. Wood

BLACKTOWN CITY

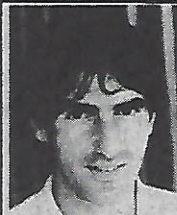
Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarby, 13. Cuk, 14. Burrows, 15. Wallace, 18. Milosevic, 20. Freeman. Coach: R. Rasic.

SUNDAY, 3pm
GABBIE STADIUM



Selvage

PAST RESULTS
1980: Blacktown v Heidelberg 1-2.



Bozicas

HEIDELBERG

Likely squad: 1. Oliver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Zvendorn, 6. Selenidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozicas, 12. Yankos, 13. McGrooy, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 18. Monagle, 20. Reilly. Coach: J. Rooney.

REFEREE: T. DAVIES
Linesmen: A. Owens, A. Morrison

LEIGHHARDT

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellem, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 7. Soper, 8. Pirie, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Harding, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 16. Morsello, 17. Watts, 18. Gray, 19. Casacchia, 20. Parkes. Coach: W. Wallace.

SUNDAY, 3pm
LAMBERT PARK



Morsello

PAST RESULTS
1979: Leighardt v Marconi 0-0.
1980: Leighardt v Marconi 2-2.



Prskalo

MARCONI

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 4. Henderson, 5. Prskalo, 6. Byrne, 9. Krncevic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 12. Picloane, 13. Muir, 14. Houssein, 16. Iomasich, 17. Colusso, 18. Johnston, 20. Corry. Coach: R. Bianco.

REFEREE: D. RENNIE
Linesmen: B. Wilkinson, M. Loupis

NEWCASTLE UTD.

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 4. Senkalski, 5. Bertogna, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 13. Burrows, 14. Sneddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamasz, 17. McClelland, 18. Storey, 20. Gosling. Coach: A. Vest.

SUNDAY, 2.30pm
INTERN.SPORTS CENTRE



Heys

PAST RESULTS
1978: Newcastle v Olympic 1-1.
1979: Newcastle v Olympic 1-1.
1979: Newcastle v Olympic 2-0.



Koussas

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Raskopoulos, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 13. Cotton, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: T. Docherty.

REFEREE: A. RODWAY
Linesmen: R. Davies, W. Jones

BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 14. Ogden, 17. Wright, 18. Konstantinou, 19. Bryce, 20. Lowndes. Coach: M. Carson.

SUNDAY, 3pm
RICHLANDS



Bennett

PAST RESULTS
1977: Lions v Footscray 2-1.
1978: Lions v Footscray 1-2.
1979: Lions v Footscray 1-2.
1980: Lions v Footscray 1-0.



Lujic

FOOTSCRAY

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakoulas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Ilioski, 11. McLaughlin, 12. McIvor, 13. Petrou, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 16. Curovic, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne, 19. Potter. Coach: C. Clrkovic.

REFEREE: J. WOOD
Linesmen: C. Amos, W. Turkington

PRESTON

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos, 16. Whittle, 20. Clayton. Coach: B. Edgeley.

SUNDAY, 3pm
CONNER RESERVE



Faulkner

PAST RESULTS
Preston v Brisbane City for the first time.



Palinkas

BRISBANE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

REFEREE: S. MELLINGS
Linesmen: M. Gaut, S. Zoumas

STH. MELBOURNE

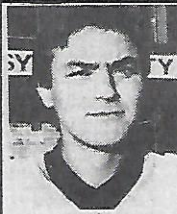
Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatis, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigaras. Coach: H. Margaritis.

SUNDAY 3pm,
MIDDLE PARK



Cummings

PAST RESULTS
1977: South Melbourne v Sydney City 0-0.
1978: Sth Melbourne v Sydney City 3-0.
1979: Sth Melbourne v Sydney City 1-2.
1980: Sth Melbourne v Sydney City 1-2.



Cant

SYDNEY CITY

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 2. Mullen, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 5. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 12. Cant, 14. Gomez, 15. Muniz, 16. Patikas, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. Coach: E. Thomson.

REFEREE: R. KERR
Linesmen: D. Fokianos, N. Karlich

WEST ADELAIDE

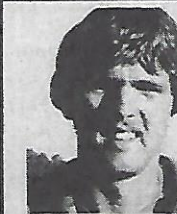
Likely squad: 1. Crook, 2. Tymczyszyn, 3. Pillars, 4. McGachey, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 7. Bovic, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 15. Marisc, 16. Brown, 17. Wright, 20. Miller, 21. Hughes. Coach: B. Birch.

SUNDAY, 2.30pm
HINDMARSH STADIUM



Bozanic

PAST RESULTS:
1977: West Adelaide v Adelaide City 1-4.
1978: West Adelaide v Adelaide City 1-1.
1979: West Adelaide v Adelaide City 1-2.
1980: West Adelaide v Adelaide City 0-2.



Marshall

ADELAIDE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melita, 14. Miller, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Peressin. Coach: B. D'Ottavi.

REFEREE: J. FEARN
Linesmen: S. Smallman, K. Stokes



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CANBERRA v LEICHHARDT 0-1 (0-0)

Canberra (4-3-3)

M. O'Shea (3) Hoszowski (3) Byrne (4) Williams (4)
J. O'Shea (3) Farrell (3) Purdie (3)
Brennan (3) Valeri (2) Gibson (3)
O'Connor (5) Pirie (3) Morsello (4)
Kafka (3) Hughes (3) Zaccorner (3)
McAusland (3) Wilson (4) Pullen (3) Skellern (3) Parkes (4)

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Replacements: MACLaren (46m) for Brennan, R. O'Shea (64m) for Farrell, Soper (74m) for Pirie, Casacchia (80m) for Skellern.
Referee: E. Venios
Goal: 0-1 Morsello (59m) — Crowd: 4,676.

A missed penalty by Walter Valeri in the second minute of extra time enabled Leichhardt to leave Canberra with two valuable points.

The penalty incident was perhaps the most exciting incident in a match characterised by a dullness and the inability of both teams to develop a style of play.

Canberra, perhaps, had some excuse as they had weathered 120 minutes of football mid-week against the Olympians in the Phillips Cup, but the Leichhardt Strikers failed to produce fireworks either.

For the first 20 or so minutes there were no noteworthy moves or shots on goal to enthuse about.

BIG MISS

Canberra attacked more frequently than the visitors and took many poor corner kicks which were easily deflected away from the goal by the tall Leichhardt defence men.

Leichhardt seemed to by-pass the midfield, lobbing balls to front men Tony Morsello and Phil O'Connor whose menacing raids were perpetual torment to the Canberra defence.

In the 18th minute John O'Shea headed a Ian Gibson centre into the open Leichhardt goal, but not before Gibson had run the ball out

of touch. The goal was disallowed.

Two minutes later a Billy Pirie shot blasted at the Canberra goal was well palmed away by Steve Hoszowski.

Phil O'Connor caused Canberra fans to tremor with fright when he fired a shot at goal with Hoszowski beaten, only to see the ball bounce off the Canberra upright.

The second half proved somewhat more lively than the first.

After 59 minutes Leichhardt struck. O'Connor received the ball on a counter attack on the left flank. He

squared the ball to Morsello who made no mistake from three metres.

Canberra came close to scoring six minutes later when John O'Shea nodded a corner into the Leichhardt crossbar.

With the seconds ticking away in extra time Ian Purdie bobbed a ball into the path of Gibson.

He ran into the area and was brought down.

The excitement of the locals cooled quickly when Walter Valeri slammed the eleventh hour penalty into the crossbar.

On the day Canberra seemed tired and the forwards were not inventive.

—Peter Kunz

BRISBANE CITY v WOLLONGONG 1-0 (1-0)

Brisbane City (4-3-3)

Caldwell (3) Ratcliffe (4) Coe (4) Dunne (4) B. Wilkinson (3)
Gaffney (3) Pimblett (4) Hamilton (3)
Palinkas (4) P. Wilkinson (3) Kelso (2)
Tredinnick (4) Fontana (2) Kay (2)
Adam (3) Fleming (3) McGreen (3)
Mortando (4) DeGraaf (4) Dunleavy (3) Willis (3)
Vardareff (3)

Wollongong (4-3-3)

Replacements: Lathan (31m) for Kay, Morton (62m) for Willis, Connor (68m) for Hamilton.
Goal: P. Wilkinson 1-0 (16m).
Referee: D. Nugent (Qld) — Crowd: 4,830.
Cautions: Kay, Palinkas, Caldwell, Ratcliffe.

This was no contest. Brisbane City were superior in every department with the result the huge crowd were subjected to one way traffic for almost 90 minutes.

Wolves were content to get 11 men behind the ball at every occasion in true text book fashion, depending on occasional sorties from the speedy Tredinnick, or long range shooting which seldom bothered Coe, as a means to getting the "away point".

However, Brisbane City, despite an overwhelming share of possession, could not convert their superiority into goals and it is only this fault that could finish up being the team's Achilles heel this season.

ONE WAY

The goal was a scorcher, a corner was won on the left and Paul Wilkinson rose to the cross and hammered a header goalwards.

As in the English Cup Final the ball struck a defender on its path to goal and the speed of the ball gave keeper Vardareff no chance.

On half time Joe Palinkas, back to his best in this match, thrashed a ball into the new from 25 metres, only to see a diligent linesman flagging Hamilton offside over on the other side of the field.

What a pity the laws cannot be bent for this was the type of goal the fans love to see.

The second half deteriorated somewhat as the home team slackened their pressure in an effort to draw out the Wollongong players, but it was to no avail, only when coach Morton substituted himself for fullback Willis did it look like the Wolves would mount an offensive.

But as an exercise it was futile for it only let Brisbane see a little more of the target and served to highlight the

weakness among the home attack forces.

For the visitors Tredinnick worked hard with some success while De Graaf was a tower of strength at the back, but they have to speculate a little more if they are to win games especially when they are one goal down.

Pimblett and Palinkas were the home stars with the defence once again solid as a rock.

Jimmy Dunne is playing sweeper with all the aplomb and assurance of a seasoned professional and confidence is radiating from him to the other players.

A good, if somewhat thin win keeps the Gladiators up with the leaders.

—Jim Binnie

Victorian State is doing well

By Jock Stephen

Six rounds of State League soccer already indicates some improvements in playing standards, and in some cases more spectators.

Green Gully, Croydon, Essendon Croatia, Doveton, Frankston City and St Kilda Hakoah are consolidating their tally of points in the top half of what can be described as a very open competition.

The story from Croydon City is confidence in their ability to do well with not many changes under Billy McArthur as coach.

The only new faces to date are Paul Wade, 18, ex Doveton and Slavia, Ian Loughane from UK, left wing brother of Peter, who has been with Croydon for some time now.

Sean Keogh has played in goal since Mick Edwards was injured in the Ampol Cup games, and the problem will arise when Mick has recovered from the cartilage operation.

The good news is the average attendance figure of about 1,000 at each home game.

Plans are well under way for a new stadium at the Dorset Gardens sporting complex; the playing surface has been completed and all that remains is Council approval for the erection of the buildings.

Green Gully, on top also with nine points, continue with the services of Bobby McLachlan, who has wasted no time in obtaining John Gardner from Essendon, Croatia, Kiri Grechan of Western Suburbs, Peter Lewis and Stuart Kinnell from Altona, plus Kevin Wall, Frankston, and Jim Williams of Heidelberg United.

The hole left by the departure of Jimmy Dunne to Brisbane City has been plugged and others to be released were Billy Vojtek as captain coach at Western Suburbs, and Andy Segal.

Four others in Petten, Bennie, Smart and Perkins were released to Metropolitan clubs.

Scott Angus McLeod has proved to be a rod in pickle for opposing defences since his arrival here.

It is apparent that the full potential from the splendid

social facilities will be enhanced when and if licenced premises are granted later on.

St Kilda Hakoah with only one point out of the first three games, changed from Fred Bunce as coach to appoint Bill Allison, and has achieved three wins in a row to jump into sixth place with seven points.

The credible point lies in the fact that over 50 per cent of the Hakoah senior squad were former juniors in the Hakoah colours.

Mike Fryzier in goal, Sten Rooney, Bill Jordanou and Les Nagy.

The two senior teams are backed up by three junior and two amateur sides.

The sole import this year has been George Hannah, a Scottish junior from Glen Rannoch.

The daily press have been claiming in advance that St Kilda Hakoah are under pressure from South Melbourne to amalgamate as one club, but I have been assured that Hakoah wish to jealously protect their independence both in senior and junior soccer.

Altona City ended last season well in the red, and were unable to retain the majority of first team players.

However, George Waters decided to stay, and was joined by Nat Little, who had been on loan with Sunbury United.

Billy White took over as player-coach with a majority of players from the reserve team.

Two new faces from England via Holland are Howard Mercer and Steve Jones who spent last year playing in Holland, so they should be already match fit.

Sunshine City have signed on three new men to compensate for the departure of Ray Pocock, who is now player-coach with Geelong-based club Bell Park in the Metropolitan League, and David Singleton to First Division Box Hill.

The club is elated with the form being shown by 15-year-old midfielder John Campbell who has come through the junior ranks.

The value of junior club soccer is shown in the Sunshine club with six teams from 9 to 16 years.

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	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	*			3-2				3-1		0-1		4-1	1-0		0-1	1-2
ADELAIDE HAWKS		*	2-0						1-2		0-2	0-1	4-0			0-0
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	1-5		*	2-2					0-1	0-2	2-2					
BRISBANE GLADIATORS		2-1		*	0-0	2-0	0-0							3-0	1-0	
BRISBANE LIONS				1-0	*	1-0						0-1	2-1	1-1		1-1
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2	2-2			*	5-0		0-1					2-1	2-0	
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	1-1	1-1					*	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2				1-0	
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS		2-0	2-0		1-1			*					2-3	1-0		0-3
LEICHHARDT STRIKERS				0-0				2-2	*	1-1	2-1				0-1	
MARCONI LEOPARDS		1-0		1-1	2-1	0-2		3-1		*			1-0			
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	0-0			1-0				2-1		1-0	*	2-0				1-0
NEWCASTLE KB			1-1	0-2	0-1	3-0					*	4-0				1-1
PRESTON RAMS			2-3		0-1	3-0		3-1		1-1		*	3-1			
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1	3-1	1-0			0-0				2-0	2-2			*	2-2	
SYDNEY SLICKERS		1-0		1-1	1-1			1-0		5-0	4-1				*	
WOLLONGONG WOLVES			1-1	0-0			2-1		1-1				2-2	3-1		*



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OLYMPIC v BLACKTOWN 1-0 (0-0)

Olympic (4-3-3)

Moulis (3) Rowden (3) Meier (4) Ziras (3) Palmer (3)
Raskopoulos (4) Wilson (4) Cotton (3)
Laing (4) Koussas (3) Jennings (5)

Burrows (4) Jones (3) Djordjevic (3)
Selvage (5) Culma (4) Cuk (3)
O'Donnel (3) Pointer (3) Milovanovic (3) Wheatley (3)
James (5)

Blacktown (4-3-3)

Replacements: Jamieson (52) for Cotton, Cross (67m) for Koussas, Wallace (76m) for Jones.
Goals: Wilson (88m, pen.)
Referee: H. Witschge — Crowd: 5,200.

On a perfect afternoon, the two teams provided some great entertainment and drama before the issue was settled with just two minutes to play.

Blacktown's mission in the first half was quite explicit: under no circumstances were the opposition allowed to score.

With the usual four at the back joined by Cuk, the Blacktown defence was formidable.

Olympic were sent on to the park to play football and enjoy themselves and did just that.

With enthusiasm and confidence in abundance, they set out to break into the Demons' den.

They nearly drew first blood when

LAST DITCH

Raskopoulos sent a floating free kick into the goalmouth but the strikers messed it up in front of the goal.

Olympic kept the pressure on and created several opportunities only to be thwarted by goalie Bruce James.

While it was almost completely one-way traffic, the fans began to wonder if some demonic force was preventing Olympic from scoring.

Blacktown, ever alert on seizing any loose play by the Olympic defence, broke away through a clever combination of Burrows and Djordjevic

and forced Meier to some good saves.

After half-time it was the Demons who took the initiative and surged forward looking for an early goal.

Selvage was working tirelessly in midfield, covering an immense amount of ground, winning the ball and launching attacks.

The Olympians rallied and by now both sides were committing themselves to going forward whenever they could.

Some incredible chances went begging at both goals, some of them almost harder to

miss than to convert.

As the minutes were ticking by, Blacktown relented and appeared happy to salvage one point.

They very nearly did so. But in the 88th minute a deflection from a corner hit Wallace on the arm and changed the flight of the ball, which was originally heading into a crowded penalty area.

The referee gave a penalty and Ken Wilson converted the spot-kick; the game was won and lost on that one shot.

Actually, both teams could have walked away with the points though, on the whole, Olympic appeared to hold the initiative for most of the match.

— Mick Mikolajczyk

ADELAIDE CITY v PRESTON 1-0 (1-0)

Adelaide City (4-4-2)

Russell (4) Jones (5) Marshall (4) Perin (4) B. Nyskohus (5)
Marocchi (4) J. Nyskohus (4) Villani (4) Melta (3)
Mitchell (4) Buch (3)

Whittle (4) Cullen (3)
Lucchesi (3) Faulkner (3) Brown (5) Flavell (3)
Beech (3) Ollerton (4) Higham (4) Rainey (3)
Kastner (5)

Preston (4-4-2)

Replacements: Rankin (46m) for Buch, Little (65m) for Faulkner, Stoikos (80m) for Lucchesi.
Goal: 1-0 J. Nyskohus (26m).
Referee: G. Neal — Crowd: 2,200.
Cautions: B. Nyskohus, Villani, Rainey, Faulkner.

Adelaide City Giants swung back on to the winning track with this meritorious effort to erase the memory of their untimely loss to Wollongong.

The Giants proved that they had well learnt the lessons of that defeat by returning a far more disciplined performance this time.

There was much revision also in the Preston Rams camp following their 0-4 thrashing at the hands of Westad Hawks in Adelaide the previous week.

The major move made by Rams coach Brian Edgeley was to switch the league's leading goalscorer Peter Ollerton from striker to stopper.

NEW BLOOD

The switch had the desired effect of tightening the Rams defence, which against the Hawks had more holes than a soccer net.

But Edgeley must have wished that he had an Ollerton clone to partner Alan Whittle up front as well as the one who so effectively marshalled his back lines.

The other significant changes to the Rams from the previous week were the reinstatement of Lou Kastner in goal in place of young Gary Clayton, the reintroduction of Doug Brown for suspended George McMillan and the absence

of Lube Petrovski, who was replaced in the starting line-up by Jeff Faulkner.

Giants coach Bob D'Ottavi made only one enforced change to his side which held league leaders South Melbourne to a scoreless draw in their previous outing.

Young Greg Buch came into the side to replace Brian Northcote who was serving a one-match suspension after amassing 12 penalty points.

And as if to prove that youth abounds at Adelaide Juventus, D'Ottavi replaced 19-year-old Buch with 16-year-old

Peter Rankin after half-time.

Rankin, the goal-scoring hero of SA's Under 18 team which two days earlier had won the national Youth championships in Canberra, slotted neatly into the front line with Socceroo Youth international David Mitchell.

Rankin moved intelligently both on and off the ball and showed that he deserves a spot in the Giants starting line-up this week.

Preston, meanwhile, can approach their clash with the Brisbane Gladiators with reasonable optimism provided Ollerton is retained in defence.

— Allan Crisp

FOOTSCRAY v West Adelaide 1-1 (1-1)

Footscray (4-4-2)

Milne (3) Kyriakoulas (3) Boland (4) Kondarios (3) Hazabent (3)
Ilioski (4) O'Reilly (3) J. Nyskohus (4) Villani (4) Melta (3)
Lujic (3) Kakantonis (3)

Manecas (3) Norris (3)
Brown (3) Topaz (3) Boyle (4) Honeyman (4)
McKie (4) Ford (3) Kambas (3) Bozanic (3)
Crook (4)

Replacements: Cimic (55m) for Kakantonis, Wright (63m), for Manecas, Haig (71m) for Topaz.
Goals: 0-1 Forde (24m), 1-1 Belic (27m)
Referee: J. Fern — Crowd: 2,000.

It's hard to imagine, but this match was an even bigger yawn than the Socceroo's encounter the previous day.

The end result provided no real gain for either side, for if they are to draw away from the relegation zone they must start by beating the sides near the bottom.

Westad can take some solace from the point that was, after all, an away match.

The South Australians came to Melbourne with a new coach in Peter Jaksa and several positional changes.

Jaksa, the South Australian youth team coach, replaced Billy Birch in mid-week, who

SCARED

was not allowed the same easy exit at Rudi Gutendorf and was sacked despite a good win over Preston the previous Sunday.

Jaksa dropped Zoran Maric and Jim Wright, pushed Manecas into a forward position alongside Graham Norris, pulled Tim Brown into a deep lying winger role and reinstated Ian McKie into a fullback position.

But despite the changes Westad showed no vast improvements on their recent visits to Melbourne and on this

form will continue to struggle in the lower reaches of the league.

Footscray fared no better.

Cedo Cerkovic maintained the defensive 4-2 formation which brought a surprise win over Sydney City not so long ago.

For the match against Sydney City the system might have been justified, but Westad didn't deserve to be treated with such awe and respect.

The two goals which saved the match from total disgrace were

scored within three minutes of each other in the first half.

Westad took the lead in the 24th minute when Vic Bozanic's freekick from the left was backheeled by Honeyman to Tom Forde whose shot from inside the box gave Boland no chance.

At the other end Topaz missed completely in his attempt to clear Zokki Ilioski's cross and Zlatko Belic nipped in to slot home the equaliser.

Topaz was one of the big disappointments in the Westad side along with the other vastly experienced player Con Kambas.

— Peter Desira

CARSON QUILTS

During the week Lions coach Matt Carson resigned his position at the club.

Lions board, ever mindful of the falling gates at their games, have for some time been impressed by the work being done at Marconi and players getting out to the schools, and public in general to sell the club.

At the end of last season Matt was approached concerning his views on full-time employment, but as he has operated a successful bread vending business for years understandably he was loath to take the giant step.

Now with their "gate" against Tommy

Docherty's Olympians the lowest ever the board feel it is imperative they start a big P.R. drive immediately and to do this require a full-time employee.

Amicably Matt Carson declined the position yet again and has resigned his post to create the necessary opening.

— Jim Binnie



LATCHFORD ARRIVES

Lions guest player Bob Latchford, the big Everton striker, arrived in Brisbane on Monday to begin a six-week stint with the club.

This arrangement could turn out a real winner for Lions because Latchford is not another holiday-maker out to make some money while recuperating from a strenuous tiring season.

The big centre was sidelined with a troublesome hamstring injury since November last year and has only recently returned to the first team.

No doubt he will look upon his PSL matches as a valuable practice in getting him back to peak fitness for the next English season.

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	AGGREGATE									HOME									AWAY															
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2 BRISBANE CITY	13	6	5	2	14	7	+7	17		7	5	2	—	10	2	12		6	1	3	2	4	5	5		6	1	3	2	4	5	5		
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COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



We asked the State League clubs what affect last week's match would have on Australian soccer.

SUTHERLAND

"Personally I don't think the loss will have such a bad effect on the game as a lot of people believe," said Sutherland's secretary Laurie Haynes.

"If that was true, then conversely we should have received a huge boost in 1974 when we did qualify for the finals in West Germany."

"But that didn't happen," Laurie said.

"I think there will be some reaction against the result, but it could be positive," he said.

"What I think could prove disastrous for the code is if the reaction of some sections of the media."

"I think there are some pressmen who have reacted too harshly to the result."

"They have been hammering the Australian team instead of stating the facts: that the New Zealand team played very well and showed some delightful skills and good, common sense tactics."

"It's a bit of a shame that we're tearing ourselves apart and I think there should be more constructive criticism from the press," Laurie said.

MONARO



"In the short term I can't see too much bad effect from last weekend's results," said Inter Monaro's Joe Chiera.

"I think the supporters will stick by the clubs as they have always done, and I don't think they'll become too disillusioned."

"However, where I think it will affect the game is in the long term."

"What the loss, and the subsequent events will do is effect the game's ability to challenge the other codes for crowds and public acceptance."

"Looking at it from our point of view, with Rugby League starting in Canberra next year, it could be a big blow."

"The international stocks of soccer are now pretty low and the non-committed fans — the ones who go out to soccer because it's the main entertainment of the weekend — may be discouraged by the events of the weekend."

"In the short term I think the major affect of our loss to New Zealand will be in the ranks of officialdom; it is now going to be very hard for the

ASF to get sponsors and as such the publicity for the game could be hit," Joe said.

ST. GEORGE



"In the short term I don't think we'll lose spectators," said St. George's soccer president Les Bordacs.

"But I'm pretty convinced we won't gain any either."

"The whole exercise of having the national team is not really to win the World Cup, but to show off Australian soccer to the Australian public and to try and get new blood into the code."

"After the performance on the weekend I don't think they will do that," Les said.

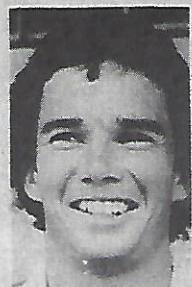
"In the long run the result will affect the code, I'm sure."

"The clubs all need more new followers and to do that we have to show that the standard of the game is improving."

"But if the national team starts to lose to teams we have never rated too highly, then things are made all the more difficult for the clubs."

"I think a lot of people are still in a state of shock," Les said.

"But one thing that has become very clear from the recent past few years is that it is a luxury to have a full time national coach," he added.



St. George's Fraser

RIVERWOOD

"I think the effect of the loss last Saturday by the national team will be felt more in the long run than the short term," a Riverwood official said.

"Unless the Socceroos can perform miracles in their next elimination matches, the image of the national team will be shattered."

"It won't effect the present supporters of the game that much: they are a long suffering breed who are used to knocks."

"But it will severely hamper the chances of the marketing people who are trying to win over new converts."

"Australian sportsmen and women have always been renowned for their fighting qualities, but the Australian team showed none of those characteristics," he said.

"The national team was also the way the ASF kept soccer in the general Australian public's eye."

"But who will be interested in them now?"

"Unless they start winning matches, no-one," he said.

AUBURN

"The result of the Socceroos' match against New Zealand will have some adverse reactions on all sections of soccer," said Auburn official Fred Parker.

"However, the area I feel will be most seriously affected is the juniors."

"The younger players always need to have something to look towards and I think the drop in the image of the national team is a bad thing in that regard."

"It was not so much that the team lost — it was the way they lost."

"I think most people were saddened to see the team play so poorly and with such a lack of spirit."

"I think the full effects of the loss won't be felt for a while."

"The short term reaction is still a bit emotional, and we'll have to wait till things settle down before we can really examine the situation," Fred said.

MANLY



"I don't think the loss will have any marked affect on the local scene," said Manly's George Dick.

"What I think it will do is create a poor image among those people the game is trying to win over."

"If anyone was to judge the standard of Australian soccer by that one performance, they would probably switch sports."

"The Australian team looked like broken down race horses."

"There was none of the aggression that characterizes Australian sportsmen and women, no matter what the event."

"We have all seen better club matches and better performances by players in State League games than by the players in the national team," he said.

"I think the whole catastrophe of the weekend, from the result to the choice of Saturday as the match day, indicates there is something drastically wrong with the soccer hierarchy as well," George said.

"The ASF knows that most junior games are played on Saturdays, and that quite a number of interstate matches are also held on that day."

"And yet they still went ahead and played

the international on a Saturday losing a huge slice of the potential support for the team," George said.

AVALA



"My own feeling is that the result last Saturday will have bigger implications on the Youth World Cup than on anything else," said Avala coach Doug Utjesenovic.

"The immediate effect of the result will be that it will show to the Australian public that soccer has something wrong with its administration and organisation and that the game hasn't progressed in the last few years."

"But I think far more serious consequences will be felt by the national Youth team."

"We are only a few months away from the Youth World Cup, the biggest single sporting event in Australia since the 1956 Melbourne Olympics."

"And yet, where is the gradual build-up, the publicity, the growing excitement? Hardly a word in the newspapers, because they are also unaware of what goes on."

"We concentrated too heavily on the Socceroos; all the eggs went into the one basket. And now those eggs are broken..."

"I expect that about a week before the World Youth Cup we will get some news releases here and there and the ASF will wonder why nobody goes to the matches."

"The way things are shaping, that could become Fiasco No.2."

POLONIA



"I think the result of the national team last Saturday will definitely have some adverse affect on soccer in Australia," said Polonia president Mike Kordek.

"The ASF thrust the national team into the public limelight to try and build up the image of soccer."

"They spent money and put a lot of resources at the disposal of the team in the hope that if success came, then there would be benefits."

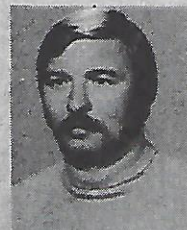
"Now that the team has collapsed, I think they have to expect the reaction will be negative from the public at large."

"I don't think the soccer public will over-react, but those people whom we have been trying to convert into fans will definitely think twice before going along to a PSL or State League

game, let alone another international," Mike said.

"In that respect I think the loss will knock Australian soccer back years," he added.

"We gambled and lost. If you win you expect rewards, but if you lose you can expect a kick in the teeth," he said.



Galas of Polonia

BANKSTOWN

"I think the loss to New Zealand could have a good effect on Australian soccer in the long term," said Bankstown president Charlie Struck.

"In the short term of course we will just have to put up with the self flagellation."

Charlie said that like a number of others he felt that disaster was approaching.

"I think most hardened soccer observers could sense that things would blow up when Gutendorf didn't have a settled team for the first match on Anzac Day."

"But I think what annoyed most people more than the loss was the way the players 'gave up' without a fight," he said.

"In the long run I hope the events could be of use to Australian soccer. I'd like to see a home grown coach in charge of the team, and start to use home grown players who'll fight for Australia."

"I think there might just be enough reaction against the present situation for that to come about," Charlie said.

PARRAMATTA

"The image of the game will be set back dramatically," said Parramatta coach Bob Wall.

"Soccer is fighting against rugby league, union and Aussie rules for space in the newspapers and for spectators."

"The result on Saturday will go a long way towards affecting Australian soccer's image in the public eye."

"Yet again we have suffered a set-back by our own faults," Bob said.

"What annoyed me most about the loss to the Kiwis was the way in which the players just gave up."

"I think that any player who pulls on a national shirt should at least have the pride to run himself into the ground for his country."

"But the Australian team just trotted through the second half and I think the manner in which they lost will not be forgotten by a lot of people," Bob said.

"That could be more damaging than anything else."

"Or, it could have the result that represen-

tative coaches might start giving our own, home grown talent, the chance to wear the green and gold," he added.

MELITA

"Our loss on Saturday won't really affect the attendances at League matches," said Melita president Emmanuel Said.

"Where it will hurt though is in the ranks of the juniors."

"After the game it hit me when my 12-year-old son said to me: 'Dad, do you still want me to play soccer?'"

"That really drove home all the implications."

"You can imagine that there were a lot of people thinking like that."

"The youngsters look up to the national team."

"If they do well, then they have some heroes to admire and imitate."

"But if the team fares badly, they have to face the usual criticism among their friends and they have no defence."

"I think that the result set us back 10 years in the area of getting young boys involved in the game."

"That is the biggest tragedy of it all," he added.



Melita's Farrugia



"Australian soccer won't collapse because of the loss to New Zealand," said Croatia president Tony Topic.

"For us the national team is only the icing on the cake."

"What we have to worry about is that the cake doesn't start rotting."

"I think there has been too much money and too much attention put in the national team and not enough on the league competitions around the country," he said.

"Our domestic soccer is not yet strong enough to warrant us spending \$600,000 on the national team."

"The ASF argues that

the national team is the showpiece which will gain acceptance for the code among the rest of the Australian community."

"But I think they should be worrying about the loyal soccer fans who are dropping away from the grounds before they start trying to get those who have never been to soccer," he said.

"Hopefully the loss on the weekend might bring some sanity to the ASF," he said.

NTH. SYDNEY

"It's not just the loss, but the whole team — they way they played," said North Sydney coach Fil Bottalico.

"That is what will do the most damage to the game."

"For the Australian national team to play with so little enthusiasm is a disgrace."

"Any neutral Australian watching would have immediately sensed their lack of enthusiasm and that is where the game will suffer."

"The shame of the past two and half years and \$600,000 is that the standard of the national team has not improved one inch."

"Despite the Phillips League and despite the money, the national team is far below the 1973 team and the sides in 1967-68."

"I think he felt the effects of the weekend's trauma would be felt both in the long and short term."

"There will be a lot of people who will be disenchanted with the game and I don't think the next World Cup matches will get attendances of even 5,000 people."

"And I also think that those people we have been trying to win over as fans won't be interested after seeing the Socceroos' performance on Saturday," he said.

CANTERBURY

"Without a doubt the result was disastrous," said Canterbury's Con Zavallans.

"It will have serious repercussions later on, I feel."

"But I don't think the result will have too bad an affect on the domestic competitions."

"The club fans will still go and watch their teams," Con said.

"What I feel could do more damage is the way the media has reacted to the loss."

"A section of the media is in danger of tearing the game apart far more irretrievably."

"There is far too much negative criticism."

"What we need are constructive comments from people who understand the problems of the game, not vitriolic attacks from people with axes to grind."

"Your ask if soccer can go further downhill as a result of the bad publicity, but I say that we are already at the bottom."

"That is why those people who have the chance should start helping soccer out of the doldrums," Con said.

LETTERS

I am always reading and listening to soccer authorities and journalists shooting off at the mouth about the lack of spectators at games, yet with Phillips cup games on tonight not a mention of this in any way in our two evening papers.

After going through the "Sun" and the "Mirror" from front page to back page, I could not find a single word letting the public know that Phillips Cup games were being played.

To my way of thinking to get crowds through turnstiles the first step would be to let them know where and when games are on.

Something, which if not so pathetic would have a touch of humour:

NSW. FED. DRAW THIS WEEK

DIVISION 2
Riverstone v Lane Cove, Sat.
Schofields Pk., Gladesville, Sat.
Baulkham Hills, Sat., Pioneer Pk.
North Ryde v Mt. Druitt, Sun.
North Ryde, Bonnyrigg v.
Liverpool Albion, Sun., St. Johns Pk.
Dee Why v Marrickville, Rockdale, Sun.
Dee Why Oval, Campbelltown v. Queens Park E/S, Sun.
Lynwood Pk., Campbelltown v. Liverpool (post match), Sat., Lynwood Park

DIVISION 3
Hurstville Zagreb v. Kingsford, Sun.
Evatt Pk., West Ryde v. Artarmon, Sun.
LH Waud, Bondi Marine v. Pt. Hacking, Sat.
Waverley Oval, Paddington Spanish v. Wentworth Waratahs, Sat.
Moore Park No. 13, Padstow v. Fairfield Kiev, Sat.
Concord Pk., Eastern Creek v. Sydney Uni, Sat.
Cawarra Pk., postonated games: Fairfield Kiev v. Bondi Marine, Sun., Knight Park, Eastern Creek v. Wentworth Waratahs, Sun., Cawarra Pk.

DIVISION 4
Concordia v. Eastwood, Sat.
Marrickville Oval, Maroubra v. Chelsea, Sat.
Coral Sea Pk., Ryde District v. Fairfield West, Sat.
ELS Hall, North Rocks v. Canley Hts., Sun.
Murray Farm Res., Revesby v. Winston Hills, Sun.
Amour Park, West Holroyd v. West St. George, Sun.
West Gulgford sportsgr

DIVISION 5
DIVISION 5

Glenquarie v. Macquarie Uni, Sat.
Bensley Rd., Pagewood v. Haberfield, Sun.
Jelliffe Park, Maccabi v. Camden, Sat.
Sydney Athl. Field, Hawkesbury v. Edensor Park, Sun.
North Richmond Oval, Chullora v. Green Valley, Sat.
Jensen Park, Auburn Juniors v. Moorebank, Sun.
Progress Park

DIVISION 6
South Sydney v. Transandinos, Sat.
Booralee Park, Blacktown Workers v. Blacktown Wanderers, Sat.
Laybutt Reserve, Parramatta v. Hajduk Rangers, Sun.
Primrose Reserve, Liverpool Rangers v. Robins, Sun.
Ireland Park, Liverpool City v. Bankstown Sports, Sun.
Ernie Smith Reserve, Colo-Colo v. Liverpool United, Sun.
Knight Park

on page 85 of the "Sun" (Wednesday 6th May, 1981), a picture of Murray Barnes holding up a "Sun" newspaper, with the caption above saying: "Murray Barnes knows where all the soccer action is".

Murray Barnes and the "Sun" may know but they certainly are keeping this information to themselves.

Who the hell is responsible?

N. Bannister Ashcroft

Regarding the Australia v. New Zealand World Cup game in Auckland which I saw on my black and white TV.

I was infuriated when I saw 20 field players wearing the same strip, the Kiwis in their rightful "home strip" and the Aussies also in their "home strip".

In fact, all players appeared to wear light coloured socks, dark shorts and light coloured shirts.

To make matters worse, they all sported a dark stripe on their socks and also a dark stripe on their short sleeves.

We saw very few close-ups, mostly from a distance, and there was no way I could distinguish one team from the other.

Why do we have to put up with that?

A much better professional way is to vary the away teams' strip completely, including sock colour.

Please see "Soccer World", April 30th, front page and page 3.

On page 4 of the same issue please note the picture, Czechoslovakia v. W. Germany, where we note one team did change their sock colour from their normal white to a dark colour.

This is what I term a truly professional approach.

D. Menzel Como, W.A.



Because of our special Australia v. New Zealand World match coverage, this week's overseas news have been held over.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE SQUADS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

U-16s
James Lyttleton, Tom Alexakis, Spiro Hatzioannou, Tony Marino, Stephen Fraser, Eugene Marchese, Adam Phillips, Alex Koussas, Jim Binlaires, Joe Capadonna, Sam Sordaris, Amed Masoud, David Goss, Buyer Ozka, Michael Sieremoglov, John Fitzgerald.

U-15s
Joseph Amendolia, Bruno Beddini, Jim Delakaris, Steven Fochesat, Peter Glanckoullas, George Haniotis, George Kalogeras, Michael Kyriazis, George Licoudis, Miroslav Marinkov, Peter Roditis, Zoran Stojanowski, John Tsagaroulis, Andrew Vacerakas.

U-14s
Alfredo Carmona, Paul Cester, Bruno Ciaramella, Anthony Gabrielli, David Grima, George Karaballios, Steve Melissourgos, Steven Pollit, James Rankin, Troy Russell, John Siltic, Emanuel Spanoudakis, Frank Zaran-tonello, Andrew Zervas.

LEICHHARDT

U-16s
Domenic Zucaro, Tony Genovase, Leo Cirillo, Michael Sestawich, Steven Mahoney, Adam Morrison, Enrid Morson, Vito Zurlo, Garry Van Egmond, Michael Rosal, Derick Tonitto, Mouron Mouawad, Marinko Ivan-cic.

U-15s
Frank Peronage, Morris Coco, Peter Morasso, Stuart Mahodier, Steven Tseligola, Dominic DiGiacomo, Phillip Rossello, Anthony Bayadi, Rodney Jones, Michael Debarco, Joe Lasarica, Dominic Morabito, Frank Speranza, Mario Colro, George Tatarakis.

U-14s
Nick Losacco, Zlatko Markovski, Alex Donini, Gerdalo Alvaro, Jason Vanbierch, James Paaras, Michael Plesno, David Thomas, Markis Lappas, Paul Petterson, Dario Garcia, Joe Severi, Chad Mitchell, Michael Costello, Anthony Hoffman.

MARCONI

U-16s
Chris Clarke, Gabriele Colusso, Maurizio Licata, Joe Maceri, Michael Plesno, David Thomas, Frank Cupido, Vince Lentini, Dominic Casey, Zoran Stelja, Stephen Smith, Robert Gabec, John Amoroso, Melkio Mangolini, Loris Cardiman, Dennis Colussi.

U-15s
Roberto Brista, Alex Lam-propoulas, Anton Jamsak, George Conditis, Robert Foster, Andrew Fogerty, Moreno Marson, Angelo Saroukos, Roger Velia, Renato Bonora, Alfonso Brunet, Rocky Nasso, Tony Gerace, Enrico Petroni, John McGregor.

U-14s
Antonine Aiellino, Chris Batten, Chris Page, Peter Lonard, Michael Goeke, Charlie Kuzman-cic, Carlo Spina, George McCulloch, Kevin Gabrielle, John Veneri, Albert Banderla, Ricky Monsalve, Rodney Clarke, Craig Anderson, Brian Kelly.

CENTRAL COAST

U-16s
Lloyd Rixon, Ian Vaughan, Peter Launt, Laurie Mink, Roger Herrero, Mark Young, Ian Fair-weather, Troy Johnston, Paul Payne, Brett Brown, Tony Hagistefawis, Steven Nicholson, Shaun Brooker.

U-15s
Garry Labelia, Gary Marshall, Paul Green, Stephen Barnett, Brett Andrew, Tyler Foster, Stephen Van Dorp, Craig Barry, Kurt Pilson, Iain Robertson, Bradley Rixon, David Langlois, Criss Murphy, Ian Mirfield.

U-14s
Darren Northam, Anthony Gough, Mary Mackay, Craig Bromfield,

Peter Nink, Craig Bennett, Dean Wapenaker, Francis Jenk, Mathew Branch, Philip Craft, Michael Strachan, Paul Goldberg, Steven Hall, Alan Kent, Darren Neilis.

GLADESVILLE

U-16s
Scott Baillie, Michael Crocista, Michael Coen, Samuel Elfi, Steven Fisk, Peter Healy, Gavin Lewis, David Moore, Gregory Piers, Chris Powell, Craig Spratt, Greg Station.

U-15s
Danny Denning, Darren Reed, Craig Williams, Neil Harris, Jeff Lewis, David Moore, Gregory Piers, Chris Powell, Craig Spratt, Greg Station.

U-14s
Alef Bartolotto, Gary Brown, David Jones, Warren Loy, Paul Martin, David Moretti, Steven Paul, Grant Petalas, Ken Slavski, Steven Stojcevi, Warren Stanley, Paris Svitich, Zlate Tasevski, Justin Trewick.

ST GEORGE

U-16s
Michael Bosnjak, John Foxman, Greg Uj, Warren Loy, Paul Martin, David Moretti, Steven Paul, Grant Petalas, Ken Slavski, Steven Stojcevi, Warren Stanley, Paris Svitich, Zlate Tasevski, Justin Trewick.

U-15s
Peter Petkovski, Tony Danasokos, Paul Darlington, John Spirovski, Geoffrey Biscaya, David Wilcox, Darren Mitchell, Eddie Gonano, Alvaro Foladocosa, Steven Tseligola, Laki Nataras, Robert Fong, Pedro Ricoy, John Gasovski, Greg McPhail, Martin Peknice, Christopher Pollas.

U-14s
Graig Moffit, Matthew Hoveling, Gary Stephenson, Ali Jelaar, Leigh Pocock, James Banks, Michael Grbevis, Chris High, Dean Woods, Dominic Colagvri, Stuart Ward, Robert Kolevski, Warren Faulkner, Gregory York, Anthony Rago.

• More next week.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS STATE LEAGUE

I	II	III			
Auburn v Manly	2-0	3-4	1-2		
Monsie v River d	6-0	0-1	1-1		
Bankst'n v Croatia	2-6	0-1	4-1		
St George v Melita	2-0	1-1	2-1		
Can't v Sutherland	5-1	1-0	3-2		
Polonia v Avala	1-0	1-1	1-0		
NS-inter v P'matta	2-1	0-2	1-1		

Division 1

Warrington v Rev'by	4-3	0-4	5-1
Nth B'town v FIM	1-1	1-1	1-4
B'town v Bathurst	3-0	0-0	2-0
G'ford v F'M'dow	1-2	3-3	1-0
P'rih v N'town	3-3	1-0	1-0
Yugal v Belmore	0-0	1-1	2-0
K-gal v Uni NSW	6-2	1-1	16-0

Division 2

B'tille v N'ryde	2-1	1-1	4-1
Mt Druitt v B'trigg	0-2	0-2	3-3
L' Cove v O'ville	4-1	1-0	0-2
L'pool Alg v D'Why	1-3	2-0	2-1
M'ville v C'town	5-3	0-2	2-1
Queens P v R'stone	0-1	0-2	3-2

Division 3

K'ford v W'ryde	6-0	2-2	
Artarmon v Bondi	1-1	0-4	
Pt Hacking v Paddo	1-0	1-1	
Went v P'stow Pk	1-1	0-4	
Syd Uni v H'ville	2-0	1-1	
F'field v E'tern Ck	1-2	1-3	

Division 4

Chelsea v Ryde	2-0	4-1	
Canly H v Revesby	3-2	2-0	
E'wood v Maroubra	2-1	4-1	
F'field W v N Rocks	2-4	1-1	
W St Geo v C'ordia	1-3	2-0	
W'ton H v W. Holyd	1-2	6-0	

Division 5

Hab'field v Syd M	0-2	1-3	
Camden v H'b'ury	4-2	6-0	
Mac Uni v P'wood	3-4	1-1	
Edensor Pk v C'lora	4-0	4-2	
Edensor Pk v C'lora	4-0	4-2	
H'b'ank v O'quarie	2-3	1-1	
G'val v Auburn J.	1-0	1-1	

Division 6

Tra v B'town W	1-0	1-1	
L'pool U v S Sydney	4-1	2-2	
B'town W v P'matta	7-2	4-0	
Rangers v L'pool R	4-2	2-1	
Robins v L'pool C	4-3	1-0	
Banks v Colo Colo	2-4	0-7	

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SPIDER'S NET

With Allan Maher

What a week it turned out to be for Australian soccer...

Our chances of qualifying for the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain have all but vanished.

Still, football is a funny game and you can always expect the unexpected.

But if we can't beat New Zealand, the question must be asked: do we deserve to go to Spain?

Following the defeat came the resignation of Rudi Gutendorf.

This, I may add, contrary to some reports, was not instigated by the players.

It was a decision reached by the ASF World Cup committee.

Despite this, the team left for Melbourne on Sunday evening in high spirits and confident that we can get a good result on Wednesday night.

We have been hearing for the past two years a lot of explanations why certain players have or have not been selected for the national team.

But the best I've heard for some time was Gutendorf's reasoning why I was left out of Saturday's team.

He implied—not to me, incidentally, as players were never told why they were ever dropped—that I was not brave enough.

It turns out that all the time he was looking for somebody with a Victoria Cross for bravery.

It's clearly my mother's fault. When I was little, she should have encouraged me not just to play in a sandpit but to learn to wrestle with sharks in the ocean depths.

Perhaps they should have left me out in the cot late at night in the middle of Parramatta Rd to steel my nerves in high traffic.

But I guess its too late for it now.

I don't agree with some of the doomday predictions and really believe that soccer in Australia will continue to grow and thrive.

Some people claimed that Saturday's defeat set our soccer back 10 years; one actually made it a whole century.

What rubbish. However, it has proved one vital point which many players share with me.

In future, a local coach should be appointed to be the national team boss, a man who knows the strengths and weaknesses of our set-up and also has a fair knowledge of our

Cricket Ground or some other venue.

And that was too much for many players, such as the Marconi contingent which had to play five games in less than two weeks.

It's a lot of football if you squeeze in training camps, sessions with your own club and matches—not to mention job and family responsibilities.



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W D L F A P

St George's	11	1	—	49	5	23
Croatia	9	2	—	32	9	20
Melita	9	1	—	31	9	19
S'land	6	3	—	18	11	15
Monaro	5	2	5	21	25	12
Riverw	4	2	5	15	24	12
Canterbury	4	2	5	20	24	11
Polonia	4	2	6	12	22	10
N.Sydney	3	2	6	12	18	8
Auburn	4	—	7	8	20	8
Manly	3	1	8	14	22	7
Avila	3	1	7	12	22	7
Bankst	3	—	9	15	26	6
P'matta	3	—	9	10	26	6

GRADE 2

St George's	3	1	37	8	19
Melita	3	2	23	10	18
Croatia	2	2	23	9	18
Canterbury	7	2	21	10	16
Riverw	7	2	21	10	16
S'land	5	2	21	13	14
Bankst	5	2	15	13	14
Manly	5	2	14	12	11
N.Sydney	4	3	14	12	11
P'matta	2	3	7	8	29
Polonia	2	3	7	8	29
Avila	1	4	6	8	21
Monaro	1	2	8	7	26
Auburn	1	2	8	7	26

Manly	8	1	1	28	13	17
Bankst	7	2	2	31	15	16
Riverw	6	2	2	23	13	14
Melita	5	4	3	27	19	14
Auburn	6	1	3	23	9	13
S'land	1	3	12	13	13	13
Polonia	4	3	4	16	14	11
Canterbury	4	3	4	20	22	11
Croatia	3	4	3	18	29	9
N.Sydney	1	2	7	15	18	8
Avila	1	8	7	27	3	3
P'matta	1	8	7	27	3	3

DIVISION 1

B'town	8	2	2	22	6	18
Kuringai	8	2	2	18	7	18
Yugal	7	3	2	21	13	17
Woll Utd	7	2	2	23	16	16
Fairy M	1	6	3	3	21	15
Penrith	4	4	4	13	16	12
Bathurst	5	2	5	14	19	12
Warrington	4	5	2	21	11	11
NSW Uni	4	2	5	16	21	10
Nth Sydney	2	7	1	11	28	9
Belmore	1	6	5	9	24	8
Guildford	2	3	7	15	7	15
G'ville	1	4	6	8	14	6
Revesby	2	2	8	18	26	6

GRADE 2

Ferry M	7	3	2	28	12	17
B'town	8	1	3	21	8	17
K'gal	4	4	2	19	9	16
Penrith	7	1	4	15	12	15
Revesby	6	2	4	19	11	14
Woll Utd	5	3	3	21	13	14
Gladesv	5	3	3	17	13	13
Yugal	5	3	3	18	13	13
G'ford	5	3	3	17	13	13
Belmore	4	4	4	13	13	12
Bankst	4	3	1	16	22	11
W'gham	1	3	8	10	22	5
UNSW	2	1	9	13	31	5
Bathurst	1	1	11	3	35	1

DIVISION 3

Artamon	4	2	—	19	3	10
Wentz	3	3	—	14	7	9
H'ville	4	1	1	10	5	9
K'ford	2	4	—	16	8	8
Eastern C	2	4	—	9	8	8
Paddo	2	2	2	11	6	6
Bondi	2	2	2	9	10	6
Sydney U2	1	3	5	7	5	5
Fairfield K2	1	4	2	10	4	4
Phacking 2	—	4	7	24	4	4
W Ryde	1	5	7	19	3	3
Paddo	—	2	5	4	15	2

GRADE 2

M'bank	7	1	—	27	4	15
quarrie	6	1	—	27	6	13
Camden	4	2	1	20	10	10
E Park	4	1	1	11	7	9
Maccabi	4	—	3	12	14	8
M'Uni	3	3	—	9	10	7
Auburn J	3	—	2	7	8	5
G Valley	1	2	3	8	10	4
H'field	2	1	4	10	12	4
Page/Wd	—	3	4	5	11	3
H'bury	1	—	6	5	20	2
Chulora	—	1	6	3	20	1

DIVISION 6

T'dinas	5	2	—	18	2	12
Robins	4	3	—	21	10	11
Colo Colo	2	1	6	8	10	10
B'town	1	—	2	20	9	9
Black Wn4	1	2	20	9	9	9
Liv City	4	1	2	19	13	9
Liv Utd	3	—	3	12	14	6
Sth Syd	2	1	4	10	20	5
Bankst	2	—	4	7	15	4
Black Wn1	2	4	10	12	4	4
Hajduk	2	—	4	8	25	4
Liv Rgrs	1	5	4	12	1	1
P'matta	—	1	5	6	21	1

GRADE 2

East Cr	5	—	1	16	8	10
K'ford	3	3	—	15	6	9
Paddo	2	2	2	18	9	8
Bondi	4	—	2	14	7	8
F'field	3	2	1	15	10	8
Wentz	2	3	1	12	12	7
Sydney U2	2	2	11	9	6	6
Paddo	1	4	2	11	13	6
Artamon	2	1	3	16	15	5
H'ville	—	3	5	12	3	3
W Ryde	1	5	7	17	3	3
Phacking	—	1	5	7	29	1

DIVISION 4

Concordia	5	1	1	16	7	1
N. Rocks	5	—	2	16	8	1
W. Holroyd	4	1	1	19	11	9
Canley Ht	4	1	1	18	15	9
Winstn Hl	2	3	2	15	13	7
Chelsea	3	1	3	10	11	7
S'field W.	2	2	2	14	12	6
E'wood	2	2	3	9	15	6
W St Geo.	2	1	3	15	14	5
Revesby	1	3	3	11	13	5
Ryde	2	1	4	8	16	5
Maroubra	—	—	7	10	26	—

GRADE 2

Colo Colo	6	1	—	36	4	13
T'dinas	5	2	—	21	5	12
Black Wn4	1	2	10	7	9	9
Sth Syd	4	1	2	14	12	9
Robins	4	—	3	18	8	8
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Liv City	3	2	2	12	9	8
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Liv Rgrs	1	1	6	17	2	2
Bankst	5	—	5	27	2	2
P'matta	—	6	7	29	—	—

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

This week's draw

This week's draw

Group I
Gladesville v Leichhardt, Sun,
Bankstown v Croatia, Sat-
urday, St John's St George v
Bankstown Hills, Saturday, T.
Horwood, Blacktown C v St
East, Saturday, Jelliffe, Melita v
Illawarra, Saturday, Balgownie,
Polonia v Olympic, Saturday,
Pratten.

DIVISION 5

M'bank	3	5	—	13	10	11
G'quarrie	4	2	1	24	11	11
E Park	3	3	—	17	9	9
Maccabi	3	2	1	11	8	8
G Valley	4	2	2	7	6	8
Camden	1	5	1	13	12	7
Page/Wd	3	1	3	12	17	7
Macq Uni	2	3	17	16	6	6
H'field	2	2	3	12	17	6
Auburn	1	2	3	6	11	4
Chulora	1	2	4	8	15	4
H'bury	—	2	5	12	19	2



2 TO 6

IN NSW FEDERATION

With Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna.

Baulkham Hills (2nd div) at home against Nth Ryde were successful in gaining five valuable points with wins in first and third grades and a draw in the second. In first grade Hills were first to score from a corner when Tony Mangano jumped high to head the ball into the net. Nth Ryde, playing some good football in the second half constantly had the home team defending and were eventually rewarded with a goal. This goal appeared to stir the Hills side who came back strongly and a great run saw Scotty Gribben taking the ball into the penalty area where he passed to Tony Mangano who notched his second goal. A great effort from Tony 17-year-olds.

Liverpool Albions (2nd div) conceded a penalty late in the first half and two own goals in the second half in losing to Dee Why 3-1. First half was very even but with one minute remaining Dee Why were awarded a penalty from which they scored. Within two minutes of the second half Dee Why ran forward with the ball from the left was punched into his own net by the Liverpool keeper. Twenty minutes later Dee Why went three up when a shot bounced off the Liverpool defenders into the net. Mark Edwards scored a consolation goal for Liverpool with 10 mins remaining. Third graders Ian McIntosh, Dave Elder and Mick Collins starred in Liverpool's 2-0 win in 2nd grade.

Maccabi (5 div) played well to defeat Haberfield 2-0. Maccabi's Maragou scored in the 25th minute when a cross by David Levy was touched on by David Streicher. Some 15 mins into the second half a cross by David Streicher for Peter Nadel was headed down and from 10 metres goal Maccabi their second goal. Best players for Maccabi were Graham Strykowski, Peter Nadel and David Streicher. In 2nd grade it was a 3-1 win for Maccabi with goals from Mick Swidell, Lester Soldan and Eddie Kapell.

Bonnyrigg Eagles (2nd div) put Mt Drutt Town under pressure early in the first grade, narrowly missing several scoring chances. The second half saw the same pattern of tight midfield play when in the 60th min a penalty was awarded to Bonnyrigg and converted by Dony Arkhion. Ten mins from full time, B. Younan scored from close range after some individual ball work. This match showed an improvement for the Eagles over the last few games with good performances from four 2nd graders in the team. The club have appointed Barry Delaney as coach for the remainder of the season.

Blacktown Workers (6th div) were defeated 1-0 by the competition leaders, Transandino. Transandino scored in the 6th min through J. Sascha. Workers then settled themselves down to get back into the game and very nearly levelled the score with a good volley from Ken Harper. In the second half there were chances at both ends with Russa Westerberg heading the ball off the line for Workers and the woodwork saving Transandino on two other occasions. In 2nd grade it was a 1-1 draw. Workers came from behind in the last 10 mins to level the score with a fine shot from Rob McGregg. Both grades kept up the club tradition of non-stop hard work and effort.

Marrickville-Rockdale (2nd div), in front of a crowd of 660 people, proved once again that they are one of the stronger forces in the 2nd division competition. Marrickville dominated midfield early on led by George Kraja against a robust Campbelltown City. Goal scorers for Marrickville were Paul Deagan, Chris Grbevsk, George Kraja (2) and Carlos Macinell. It was an excellent return to form by 30 goalkeeper Nick Kotschanos. Marrickville's man of the match was George Kraja setting up two goals and scoring two as well. City came back after being two down to equalise only to see Marrickville 2-2 ahead at the half time break. City again equalised but Marrickville proved the better team on the day to win 5-3. City's goal scorers were Chris Treacy, Peter O'Halloran and Ray Carney.

Queens Park (2nd div) had a hard and evenly contested game last weekend against Riverstone-Schofield as the half time score of 0-0 showed. Twenty mins into the second half, defender John Brown chipped the ball over his own keeper to give Riverstone the points though otherwise, neither team looked like scoring.

West Holroyd. The Hills were 1-0 leaders at half time through a goal scored in a moment of inattention by the Holroyd goalkeeper. After the interval the game became rough resulting in one sent-off. James Gewartis scored twice for West Holroyd with both goals coming from identical situations involving a Gary Yule cross from the right wing.

Port Hacking (3rd) scored its second win of the season and this time at the expense of Padington Spanish. The game was evenly contested and both sides had many scoring chances. The Ports goal came from a set-piece. Prior when he headed the cross ball high into the top corner of the net. The Spanish came close to equalling but the goalkeeper Bruce Cox was one obstacle they could not overcome. Port Hacking is very pleased with the season's revival and the club was more delighted with the 1-1 result for the second grade side gaining the first point of the season.

Artamon (3rd) fought a hard battle to gain one point in the 1-1 draw with Bondi Marine. Both goals were headers and both came in the first half. Mick Harrarty scored first and the Artamon goal was headed in by the tall Martin Steel from a corner. Kicks were high into the net and Martin had the opportunity to score again but his shot from the penalty spot was saved by the Bondi keeper John Keegan.

Eastwood (4th) scored a 2-1 win against Maroubra sending the visitors to the bottom of the table still without a point to show. Eastwood were 2-0 up before half time with the first goal being an own goal. The other goal was more spectacular when Graham Waterhouse received the ball in midfield, moved forward by passing two defenders before hammering the ball past the goalkeeper. Maroubra scored after the interval but it was Eastwood who maintained the attack and were unlucky not to score more goals.

Kingsford (3rd) played a fluent game defeating West Ryde Rovers 6-0 with a hat-trick being scored by George Kostakis. The first goal, however, came when Peter Page sent a cross ball to Sandy Hopkins in the penalty area. Sandy ran forward with the ball before sending it into the net. A solo move finished with George scoring his first goal and for a 2-0 lead at half time. After the interval a high volley shot by Marcelo Sargeas hit the bar before drifting into the goal. Peter Page scored the fourth goal with a lone effort taking two defenders and for the last two goals it was the turn of George Kostakis again.

Winston Hills (4th) suffered a 1-2 defeat playing at home against



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THIS WEEK

Croatia v P'matta, Sun., K. Tomislav, 99 Riverwood v Bankstown, Sun., Hurstville, 35 B/5 Melita v Monaro, Sun., Everley Pk., 49 H/9 Sutherland v St George, Sun., Seymour, 93 H/14 Avila v Canterbury, Sun., Knight Pk., 52 F/9 Manly v Polonia, Sat., Cromer Park, 79 G/10 Nth Sydney v Auburn, Sun., to be advised.

DIVISION ONE

Bathurst v Uni NSW, Sun., 2 B.O.D. Revesby v Blacktown, Sun., Milperra, 55 F/3 F. Meadow v Warrington, Sat., Police Boys Gr. Wollong. Utd v Guildford, Sat., Woonona Nth Bankst v Gladesville, Sun., Potts Park Belmore v Penrith, Sat., Blick Oval, 27 F/14 Kuringai v Yugal, Sun., Parklands, 110 F/7

NEXT WEEK

STATE LEAGUE

Riverw. v. Croatia, Sun., Garside Park, 47 G/9 Melita v Bankst., Sun., Everley Pk., 49 H/9 Sutherland v Monaro, Sat., Seymour, 93 H/14 Avila v St George, Sun., Knight, 52 F/9 Manly v Canterbury, Sun., Cromer, 79 G/10 Nth Sydney v Polonia Sun., Nth Syd., 59 J/15 Auburn v P'matta, Sun., Mona Pk., 47 J/15

FIRST DIVISION

Revesby v Bathurst, Sun., Milperra, 55 F/3 Fairy M. v. Blacktown, Sat., Police B., Fairy M. Woll. Utd. v Warrington, Sun., Berkeley Nth Bankst. v Guildford, Sat., Potts, 50 H/15 Belmore v Gladesv., Sat., Blick, 27 F/14 Kuringai v Penrith, Sun., Parklands, 110 F/7 Yugal v Uni NSW, Sun., Concord, 30 J/3 Gladesv. v. Guildford, Sun., Peel Pk., 40 K/4

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SAINTS FACE BOGEY TEAM IN SHARKS

— By Paul James

Croatia and St. George are running neck and neck in the State League title, with the 'Kings' picking up 15 goals in their last three matches to challenge St. George's goalscoring prowess.

But St. George still leads by one point, courtesy of their 2-0 win over Melita last Sunday.

This week St. George tackles their local rivals,

Sutherland, at Seymour while Croatia play Parramatta at King Tomislav.

Saints' midfield once again was the deciding factor in their match with Melita, and Stone, Davies and Barton turned in yet another brilliant performance.

Sutherland were well and truly hammered by Canterbury, the result of

several team changes forced on John Watkiss by injury and the departure of defender Jimmy Webber.

The Sharks proved the 'Bogey' team of St. George in the Ampol Cup and were the first ones to disprove the 'Invincible' tag.

The most likely result here though is another Saints win, by a narrow margin 2-1.

Croatia are picking up speed in their rush towards the State League title and it seems only a few teams will change them seriously.

Parramatta will be sorely weakened by the loss through suspension of both Willie Hamilton and Jimmy Herron and will have to battle gamely to avoid a big defeat.

We tip a Croatia win 3-0.

two goals in a 3-1 win victory.

Manly fought hard against Auburn — but in their own words John McDonald was the difference between the two sides last week.

Against Polonia they will be hoping for two points to move them out of their slump.

It will be a hard task as Polonia are gaining in confidence, but we think

Melita upset over "goal"

A superb solo goal from Dez Barton who came on as a substitute with a broken bone in his right foot, secured victory for St George in their top of the table clash with Melita.

Melita, Eagles, however, were planning to lodge an official protest after their 2-0 loss, upset at referee Tony Boskovic's decision to disallow a Melita goal in the 70th minute.

They claimed he had over-ruled the linesman's raised flag and waved play on after Don Allan, who went on to score the "goal", appeared to foul Peter Stone.

But then Boskovic, after giving the 'goal' disallowed it after talking to the linesman.

It was one of a few incidents which detracted from the great, non-stop football played by the two sides.

In other matches on Sunday Croatia beat Bankstown 5-2, North Sydney beat Parramatta 2-1, Polonia got through 1-0 against Avala and Canterbury defeated Sutherland 5-1.

On Saturday, Monaro hit six goals past Riverwood without reply, and Auburn lodged a 2-0 win over Manly.

At St George Stadium, Frank Arok, coach of St George, was ordered from the bench after racing the width of the field to protest to the referee when Don Allan's shot went into the net.

Earlier Melita's coach, Vic Dalgleish, was ordered from the sideline after referee Boskovic had refused Melita's trainer from entering the field to check an injured player.

The game itself was an excellent battle between two skilled teams with St George getting on top only after the disallowed "goal" incident.

In the 65th minute Billy Griffiths put the Saints ahead when he tucked the ball away from right in front after Willi Kanacki had crossed in well from the right.

Five minutes from the end, Marton scored his classic goal after working the ball through the penalty area and slotting home out of the goalkeeper's reach.

Melita had played well and may have deserved a draw in what proved a very entertaining match for the 5327 spectators.

The Eagles' goalkeeper, Terry Greedy, made some wonderful saves to deny St George, whose midfield of Peter Stone, Mark Barton and John Davies was once again dominant.

Another very enter-

taining match was seen at Bankstown when Croatia got up 5-2 to beat the local side.

Marcos Silva, with three goals, and Peter Hensman with two were Croatia's best performers before a crowd of 2,000, with Greg Gilligan and John Beater replying for Bankstown.

Sutherland's good run in recent matches came to a sudden halt when they were beaten 5-1 by Canterbury.

Neil Williams had a marvellous day for Canterbury, scoring four of the goals, with Ross Brown getting the other goal. Steve Meades scored for Sutherland.

A Ziggy Garlowski penalty half way through the second half proved the winner for Polonia in a very hard clash with Avala, while North Sydney picked up two more points when they ran out 2-1 winners over Parramatta.

BANKSTOWN v CROATIA 2-5 (2-3)
Bankstown: Lachowicz, Usher, Greg Lynch, Rostovsky, Beveridge, Peck, Glenn Lynch (73m), Riaz, King, Beater, Gilligan, Farthing, Croale, Watson, A. Kovacic, Vidic, M. Kovacic, Barry, Robson, Coleman, Borges, Silva, Parker (Czolnowski 75m), Hensman.
Goals: 0-1 Hensman (15m), 1-1 Beater (25m), 1-2 Hensman (33m), 2-2 Gilligan (39m), 2-3 Silva (43m), 2-4 Silva (65m), 2-5 Silva (73m).
Referee: A. Owens, Crowd: 2000.

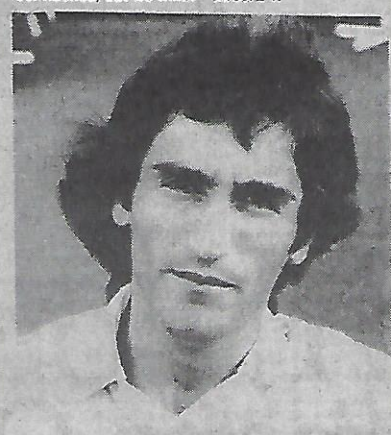
NORTH SYDNEY v PARRAMATTA 2-1 (2-0)
North: Lilli, Luchini, Gibson, J. Bottalico, Rettore, J. Morsello, Stevens, Wilson, A. Bottalico (Ternasana 55m), Youssef.
Parramatta: Donovan, Fairclough, Biglands, Bates, Lakey, Fisher (Mitchell 45m), Hamilton (sent off), Hynes, Roden, Herron, Brizuela.
Goals: 1-0 Wilson (20m), 2-0 Morsello (33m), 2-1 Mitchell (73m).
Referee: W. Phelps, Crowd: 150.
Cautions: Gibson, Wilson, Herron, Roden; Sent off: Hamilton.

AUBURN v MANLY 2-0 (2-0)
Auburn: Bowman, McInerney, Benram, McKendrick, Bielly, McDonald, Gulley, (Brown 65m), Prgomija, Daley, Allen, Leak, Manly, Ellis, K. Falconer, Doyle, Emery, Kramer, Geoghegan, Stewart, P. Falconer, Reagan, Firrell, Palamara (Vain 80m).
Goals: 1-0 Allen (79m), 2-0 Daley (89m).
Referee: J. Jones, Crowd: 190.

CANTERBURY v SUTHERLAND 5-1 (1-0)
Canterbury: McPherson, Karasporis, Laws, Barton, Lane, Goats, Gill, Williams, R. Brown (Binos 80m), Bastertfield, Thamnides.
Sutherland: Haynes, Hesford, Cashman, Donnelly, Williams (Connor 90m), Groom, Watkins, Meades, T. Bush, Murphy, P. Bush.
Goals: 1-0 R. Brown (18m), 2-0 Williams (61m), 2-1 Meades (62m), 3-1 Williams (pen, 73m), 4-1 Williams (79m), 5-1 Williams (85m).
Referee: B. Wilkinson, Crowd: 530; Cautions: Donnelly, Murphy.

ST. GEORGE v MELITA 2-0 (0-0)
St. George: Fraser, Duarte, Terry, Barton, Rylands, McDonald, Davies, Stone, Campbell, Griffiths, (Russell 80m), Kanacki (Marton 76m).
Melita: Greedy, McCoy, Daley, Campbell, McPherson, Stoddart, Berry, Farrugia, Allan Martinez (Jones 71m), Darvill.

Bobby Youssef, North Sydney.



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Cup farce

The Phillips Cup match between Canberra Arrows and Sydney Olympians at Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan on Wednesday night (May 13) was exciting and turbulent — on and off the pitch!

Some of the "highlights":
• No one had alerted groundsman to let in press and officials with passes, and many late people paid only to have a chase for a refund.
• Olympians and the referee at the ground at 7:20 believing also in an 8:00 pm kick off. One linesman came for 7:30 start.
• The match ended after extra time with scores drawn 3-3.

The referee Tim Davies took both teams off the pitch. Some spectators left but most remained seated waiting for the obligatory penalty kicks. The referee said he had not been authorised to hold penalty kicks in the case of a draw.

While both sets of teams were in the showers, Nick Szego, referee inspector phoned Paul Kemp, Secretary of PSL, for advice.

"Yes," said Kemp, "penalties must be taken".

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The match finally concluded one and a half hours after the normal 90 minute match — commencing at 7:30 pm.

Sydney Olympians lodged a complaint about the circumstances of their loss, and demanded a replay.

This was granted.

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FIRST DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri

Blacktown and Kurling consolidated themselves at the top of the competition table by scoring convincing wins.

Blacktown were perhaps the more impressive scoring a three-goal victory over Bathurst, but Kurling's win, their best this season was a 6-2 against University of NSW.

Yugal, who have been playing in top form in recent weeks, lost their rhythm against the tough Belmore which ended scoreless.

Wollongong, with a game in hand, scored a narrow win over Gladstone to keep in touch with the leaders two points behind.

Fairy Meadow, a top performer in the beginning of the season, picked up three points in a draw against Bankstown and a win over Guildford.

The Fairies seem to have lost the enthusiasm they showed at the beginning of the season and seem to be missing a lot of chances.

Warrigah, with Alan Ainslie at the helm, has scored another win after overcoming a two-goal deficit while Penrith dropped a point after having a two goal lead in their game against North Bankstown.

Highlights of this week's matches were:

Nth Bankstown v Fairy Meadow 1-1
A penalty a few minutes from the end saved Fairy Meadow from an unexpected defeat at the hands of North Bankstown.

With coach Dennis Madden in the side, Norths turned on a good performance and were leading 1-0 at half-time through a goal by Ritchie Celar.

Norths officials felt they were robbed when the referee awarded a penalty which Alan Devenney converted.

Wth Bankstown: I. Madden, Clissold, Gallagher, Thompson, Klyman, Wileman, C. Madden, Stephenson, Celar, D. Madden (Perry), Muir, Coach: D. Madden.

Fairy Meadow: Beck, Southwell (Lackenby), Pic, Devenney, Charnock, Richardson, Tinney, Chilly, White, Baker, Gardner, Coach: H. Tinney.

Kurling v Uni of NSW 6-2
Kurling turned on one of their best performances of the season to down the students by their best score yet this year.

Five of Kurling's goals came in the first half turning around with a commanding 5-1 lead.

John McCranor and Ken Smith scored two goals each with the other goals coming from Billy Stuart and Jim Magill.

Kurling: Antman, Haines, Sider, Robertson, Gross, Magill, Williamson, Gould, Smith, McCranor, Stewart, Coach: H. Noon.

Gladstone v Wollongong 0-1
A goal by Harry Sattin midway through the second half kept Wollongong in the running near the top of the table.

Hard hit by injuries, Wollongong have been battling to field a reasonably strong side in the last few weeks, but have managed to keep winning the points.

Wollongong: P. Terzowski, Montecchi, Campbell, Talavski, R. Sattin, Vutichovski, M. Terzowski, H. Sattin, P. Giraldi, R. Giraldi, Gardner, Coach: M. Johnson.

Blacktown v Bathurst 3-0
Blacktown kept their recent form and had very little trouble in beating the visitors rather convincingly.

They led 2-0 at half-time with goals through Sam Meharg and Colin Clarke and never allowed Bathurst to get close.

In the second half, Frank De Valle rounded off with a penalty after Clark was heavily brought down in the penalty area.

Blacktown: Evans, R. Ramisch, Eldridge, Ber, Meharg, De Valle, Taylor, Clarke, Davidson, Meharg, J. Ramisch, Coach: D. Zeman.

Bathurst: Lovett, Woodruff, Lambertson, Heddy, Ashford, Alexander, Waine, Bilt, Dwyer, Pickup, Bullock, Coach: S. Cousins.

Penrith v Nth Bankstown 3-3
In a game of fluctuating fortunes, Penrith fought back to share the points with Norths.

Two quick goals by Geoff Thompson and Peter Lewis gave Penrith an early grip on the game but North hit back to level off the score by half-time, Ritchie Celar scoring twice.

North went to the lead soon after the resumption when Muir scored, but Penrith came back with another goal by Peter Lewis to share the spoils.

Penrith: Krstic, Rhodes (Dunn), Gaskin, Hobart, May, Hammill, Lewis, Demattia, Condon, Thoms, Beamer (Hood), Coach: S. Achary.

Penrith lost their rhythm and a valuable point against a very well drilled Belmore.

David Trivini missed a good chance early in the game when he mis-kicked the ball with only the keeper to beat.

However, Belmore hit back on several occasions with some very dangerous attacks and with better finishing could have easily topped the more experienced Yugal.

Making his debut for Yugal was David McIntosh signed from St. George during the week, on loan.

Yugal: Berry, Cummings, Rendell, Colacic, Clarke, Ekonomou (McIntosh), Babian, Travlin, Rodas, Rokodera, Tanoski, Coach: I. Takac.

Belmore: J. Hawthorne, Outon, Cruger, Martin, Vergos, Palmer, Billingham, Murray, Lewis (J. Hawthorne), Parkinson, Kirwin, Coach: O. Klaus.

Warrigah v Reesby 4-3
The experience of player coach Alan Ainslie came in Warrigah through for yet another useful but narrow win.

The Workers, confident after their win last week, took little time to forge into a two-goal lead with goals by Pittman and McGee.

Warrigah struck back in the second half with Peter Kilgry, Alan Ainslie and a superb header by Alan Sturges to grab the lead.

Reesby were back on level terms when Warrigah defender Ian Duncan scored an own goal.

With the minutes ticking away Alan Ainslie won the day when he placed the ball from a freekick to score the winning goal.

Warrigah: Clement, Duncan, Morris, Collings, Ainslie, Sturges, Beverley, Kilgry, Crook, Pittman, Wright (Sandner), Coach: A. Ainslie.

Reesby: Wright, Gill, Sadek, Larkin, Adams, Parkinson, Mackin, Prior, Pittman, Byles, Mitford, Coach: R. Harbour.

CLUB PATROL

Goals: 1-0 Griffiths (64m), 2-0 Marton (82m).
Referee: T. Boskovic; Crowd: 5237.

MONARO v RIVERWOOD 6-0 (3-0)
Monaro: Caputo, Crawford, Charles (Palombi 60m), Noble, Santolin, Falzon, Arquero, Sheridan (Francis 60m), Link, Salgado, Heywood.
Riverwood: Gishbourne, Hooper, Wignall, Butcher, Mikas, Lee, Fisher, Savor (Martin 46m), Bullock, Tracey, Langdon (Kumasaz 76m).
Goals: 1-0 Heywood (9m), 2-0 Link (15m), 3-0 Noble (40m), 4-0 Salgado (54m), 5-0 Heywood (65m), 6-0 Link (80m).
Referee: K. Allen, Crowd: 735.
Cautions: Charles, Mikas.

POLONIA v AVALA 1-0 (0-0)
Polonia: Kainowski, Zonia, Maitre, R. Budini, Galas, Garlowski, Lemanczyk, Szobczyk, Noble, A. Budini, Pal Pahor.
Avala: Ahrens, Lembrzyk, Turbull, Fairdough, Kodor, Link, Gogic, Sharfegger, Sammuels, Rodic, Fernandez.
GOAL: Garlowski (pen, 60m).
Referee: G. Power, Crowd: 700.

The news is official: the NORTH SYDNEY INTER soccer club has told its players it is broke and it cannot afford to pay them.

As a result it has allowed any player to seek a new club on a free loan for the rest of the year. As the TRANSFER DEADLINE for the State League is in two weeks most of the first team players are anxious to get in contact with new clubs.

Parramatta coach BOB WALL faces a mammoth task to get his side in order for this week's clash with Croatia. He will be without his two recent star signings, WILLIE HAMILTON and JIMMY HERRON, Willie was sent off for dissent last week, while Jim's caution in the game gave him enough penalty points for a one week enforced rest.

Young Polonia third grader EDDIE PAHOR made his debut in first grade last week. The 18-year-old striker had a good game from all reports and fitted in well with ANITO BUDINI, returning to the team after some months in self-imposed exile from Sydney.

More than one State League club complained bitterly about last week's scheduling of the Australia-New Zealand match by the ASF on the SATURDAY rather than the Sunday. The Saturday league games could not be called off, the State League said, because the matches were included on the football pools coupons for England. But what about the juniors? In 1973 Soccer World remembers that all junior matches (in the Kurling District at least) were postponed so the kids

could go out to watch the Australia versus SANTOS match.

Inter Monaro officials react strongly to repeated criticism of the standard of referees in Canberra and Queanbeyan by the other State League clubs. They point out that both BOB MEE and KEN ALLEN

— two PSL referees — often whistle their games, and add that Canberra referees inspector NICK SZEGO is at all PSL and State League games to watch the performances of referees and linesmen. In fact, the club says, Nsk has had several referees removed from the lists after consistently poor performances.



"But boss — if we win our last six games and the others lose their last seven..."

FROM THE PRESS BOX

He stood there, like a General Paulus after his capture at Stalingrad, surrounded by his pencil-toting captors, the Pressmen. A few microphones and portable taperecorders were pushed almost into his mouth; he stared at them sadly as if they contained cyanide capsules.

At his left elbow, in his splendid FIFA blazer, was Sir Arthur George, the man who found, financed, supported and now, clearly abandoned Rudi Gutendorf.

It was the saddest, most depressing press conference in years, undisguised hostility to the vanquished coach was thick enough to be cut up and served around the room as a souvenir.

For most of the 20-minute agony, Gutendorf handled the questions quietly, with his emotions under control.

While he showed or expressed no remorse over "going his way" in these last two years or so, he also kept in check his natural arrogance.

Once, when asked by a reporter whether he expected to stay at the helm till August, he froze; the temperature in the morgue dropped by several degrees.

He stared at the reporter as if his eyes, equipped with laser, could obliterate his tormentor, then refused to answer.

"It's not the sort of question to ask of a national coach," he said oblivious of the fact that some 12,000 others trekking home from the SCG were asking the same thing.

Almost all his answers to questions mild, polite, barbed or pointed, evaded the real issue.

Yes, he said, we had several unfit players in the team, like Sharne and Tansey.

No, he said 10 minutes later, he never said they were unfit, just not quite fit. The meaning of this got lost during autopsy.

What about Rogers, who had to spend several days in Melbourne awaiting the birth of their third child?

No sane explanation why he wasn't told to stay with mother and baby and hand out cigars instead of meandering through the field for 45 minutes as if lost in an enormous nursery.

Yes, he assured the mourners, we will play a class better against Indonesia on Wednesday.

How, everybody in the room wondered but Rudi wouldn't elaborate; he was speaking only in generalities, like the prophets.

Then the punchline. "I accept responsibility," he declared

without explaining how that will manifest itself. But next day, it became clear.

Sir Arthur, not accustomed to seeing one of his empires crumble through the inefficiency of others, stood and listened patiently, only occasionally throwing a "we know it, don't we" glance at a familiar face in the room.

Here was a modified replay of history: Caesar was about to plunge the dagger into Brutus. We're finished for the 1982 World Cup, the knight said and nobody disagreed, no wild protestations from Gutendorf.

Then a general comment or two about the game itself, about being outclassed by the Kiwis and failing in a "dream" World Cup group, possibly the weakest Australia ever had the good fortune to strike since 1965.

Gutendorf's contract, expiring in August, would be honored, Sir Arthur said: the ASF would hold an investigation into the causes of the disaster.

Yes, he replied to a question, the ASF would very sharply cut back its expenditure on the rest of the World Cup campaign if, as he expected, it would fail by Sunday.

No more training camps, much less travel, a cut in the size of the squad, the "more or less" \$600,000 spent on the venture, now down the drain, would not be critically enlarged.

As he spoke, one by one the Socceroos were coming through from their adjoining dressing room, heads dropped, eyes cast down; not a single glance at their coach.

Here were Napoleon's troops licking their wounds after Borodino, led astray by their general and now too sad to even enjoy his misery.

Gradually, the morgue became deserted; the pressmen were yearning for fresh air and only one or two stayed behind to cover the same ground all over again probably because they didn't know how to take French leave.

The battle was over, the battle was lost. Woe to the defeated, said the ancient Romans.

A career officially came to an end in a dingy, unfriendly little room of the SCG.

We have to speak now, before it's too late: the ASF should not make a hasty decision about Rudi Gutendorf's successor.

They should have learned from the various disasters of the Green-Shoulder-Gutendorf appointments.

For the time being, Les Scheinflug is per-

fectly capable of handling the team's remaining commitments.

Then, when the current campaign has ended, they should sit down to decide on the permanent man.

With due respect to Sir Arthur George and others on the ASF executive, they should not make the decision on their own, as was the case with Gutendorf or based on State feuds, as happened with Jimmy Shoulder.

The background sources and the people to check out the credentials and potential of candidates are available here in Australia—even if not within the ASF inner sanctum.

Popular sentiment just about demands that the next national coach be an Australian resident.

The soccer community, the public and the media would not be happy with yet another transiting coach from overseas, ripping off the ASF and then vanishing for ever.

We refuse to believe that a Scheinflug, Bale

Basic, Len McKendry, Alan Vest, John Warren and some others couldn't do a damn sight better job than Gutendorf did—at a fraction of the cost.

The ASF has spent over \$600,000 on the World Cup campaign so far which looks like a disaster.

But the overall financial damage to soccer is almost inestimable: lack of revenue from the 1982 World Cup finals, the certain withdrawal of sponsors, a drop in PSL attendances and other areas could, ultimately, make this a \$2 million flop.

The entire marketing operation of the ASF is certain to come under review; the bulk of their operations was based on the now discredited Socceroos.

— Andrew Dettre



Peter Sharne being tackled and shackled by New Zealand fullback Glenn Dods.

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